

COVID-19 Best Practices for Infection Prevention and Control in Community Care Facilities

This poster features key points from "Guidance for Community Care Facilities"

It is not a replacement for the guidance, the full set of recommendations specified in the guidance should be followed.

1. Reducing risk of infection



- Post signs on infection prevention measures in languages relevant to your staff and residents (See <u>Hand Washing</u>, <u>Cover Your Cough</u>).
- Continually reinforce hand hygiene, physical distancing, and face masks indoors.
- Screen everyone entering the facility for COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sneezing, etc.) and check temperatures per LAC DPH guidance. Anyone with a fever or COVID-19 symptoms may not enter. Remind residents to report new symptoms to staff.
- Rearrange common areas to make physical distancing easier. Restrict communal dining and activities per LAC DPH guidance. All residents in the facility should wear a face covering unless not recommended. Staff and visitors must wear a face mask, or N95 respirator, as appropriate.
- Improve air ventilation throughout your facility per LAC DPH Workplace Best Practices.
- Restrict visitation in the facility per LAC DPH guidance.
- Promote COVID-19 vaccination for staff, residents, and visitors. See <u>Best Practices for Improving</u> <u>COVID-19 Vaccination</u>.

2. Testing for COVID-19



- Follow LAC DPH guidance for testing staff and residents.
- Use the <u>California Testing Task Force Lab List</u> or the <u>LAC DPH Laboratories Guide</u> to find a lab for PCR testing. Also see <u>LAC DPH Testing Guidelines and Resources</u>.
- Contact your CCLD regional office or <u>LTC_NCoV19@ph.lacounty.gov</u> if you need more antigen test kits.

3. Isolation and quarantine



- Isolate COVID-19 positive residents with other COVID-19 positive residents (Red Zone). Have dedicated staff to prevent spread of infection to other areas.
- Implement response testing per LACDPH guidance.
- Quarantine for residents (Yellow Zone) who have been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual per LAC DPH <u>guidance</u>.

4. Personal protective equipment



- Post signs on the proper donning and doffing of PPE.
- Follow LAC DPH <u>guidance</u> on PPE requirements for different Zones.

5. Sanitation



- Follow product instructions and clean with <u>EPA</u> approved disinfectants.
- Provide adequate and easily accessible handwashing stations with paper towels and tissues, as well as antibacterial hand sanitizer dispensers.

6. Travel



- Alert transportation, driver, and destination of resident's COVID-19 status.
- Driver and all passengers should wear face masks inside the vehicle.

For specific information on each of these recommendations, please see the <u>Guidance for</u> <u>Community Care Facilities</u> on the <u>DPHCOVID-19 Community Care Facilities</u> webpage, or scan the QR code to the right.



