

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Assessment Tool for Homeless Shelters

Preparing Facility for COVID-19	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure signage is posted at the facility entrance instructing visitors and guests to alert staff if they have fever, cough or shortness of breath. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check all guests daily upon entry for fever, cough or shortness of breath. Have a separate area where screened guests who are ill can go upon entering the facility to avoid possible exposures to others who are not ill. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inform guests about COVID-19. Ensure there are educational materials available at the facility in various languages about COVID-19. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inform staff to stay home if they have a fever, cough or shortness of breath until 24 hours after symptoms resolve. Ensure sick leave policies allow employees to stay home if they have symptoms of respiratory infection. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steps to Take to Lower the Risk Of COVID-19 in the Facility	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide surgical facemasks and gloves for non-clinical staff and in addition have N95 masks, gowns and goggles for any clinical staff. Surgical facemasks should be available for guests as well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff interacting with symptomatic individuals should provide a facemask to the guest and put on a facemask themselves during close contact with guests. Close contact is defined as within 6 feet for greater than 10 minutes for non-healthcare workers, or greater than 2 minutes if providing healthcare. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practice good infection control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hand hygiene stations (sinks with antibacterial soap and alcohol gel products) should be readily available throughout the facility, especially at the entrances of the facility. Make sure tissues are available and any sink is well-stocked with soap and paper towels for hand washing. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Ensure employees clean their hands according to CDC guidelines (https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/providers/index.html), including before and after contact with guests, after contact with contaminated surfaces or equipment, and after removing items such as masks, gloves and gowns. 	<input type="checkbox"/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Educate and remind guests to perform hand hygiene throughout the day, particularly after using the restroom and prior to eating their meals. d. Position a trash can near the exit inside any guest dorms to make it easy for employees to discard items such as gloves, masks and gowns. e. Increase the frequency of environmental cleaning being done with EPA-approved healthcare disinfectant consistent with recommended wet contact time. <p>Reference: California Department of Public Health <u>AFL for Environmental Infection Control for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (02/19/20)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure beds in sleeping areas are placed as far apart as possible and guests are asked to sleep with heads at opposing ends of the bed (to avoid having guests in close proximity of other people’s faces while they are sleeping). ▪ Ensure there are no shared utensils, cups or linens and guests are requested to wash their hands prior to eating meals. 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Steps to Take if There Are Guests/Individuals in the Facility with Respiratory Illness Symptoms	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any guests with fever, cough or shortness of breath should be confined to their room or a separate area at least 6 feet away from others. ▪ Symptomatic guests should be placed with other symptomatic individuals and away from asymptomatic individuals. Each facility should designate a specific area to house symptomatic guests away from others and guests should be instructed to stay in this designated area. If symptomatic individuals must travel to other areas of the facility, they should first practice hand hygiene and put on a facemask. ▪ If you plan to transfer the guest to higher level of care due to worsening respiratory status, notify EMS that the guest has an undiagnosed respiratory infection. ▪ If multiple guests in your facility become newly sick with fever and respiratory symptoms, notify Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at 213-240-7941 during daytime hours or (213) 974-1234 (After Hours Emergency Operator). 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Resources

- LAC DPH coronavirus website: <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- LAC DPH coronavirus webpage for Health Professionals Includes travel alert posters and provider checklist: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/nCorona2019.htm>
- Los Angeles Health Alert Network: The Department of Public Health (DPH) emails priority communications to health care professionals through LAHAN. Topics include local or national disease outbreaks and emerging health risks.
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/lahan/>
- California Department of Public Health:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- CDC Resources for Healthcare Facilities: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/index.html>
- CDC Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/infection-prevention-control-faq.html>
- CDC Coronavirus main website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CDC Healthcare Supply of Personal Protective Equipment:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/healthcare-supply-ppe.html>