

Emergency Shelter Hygiene and Sanitation



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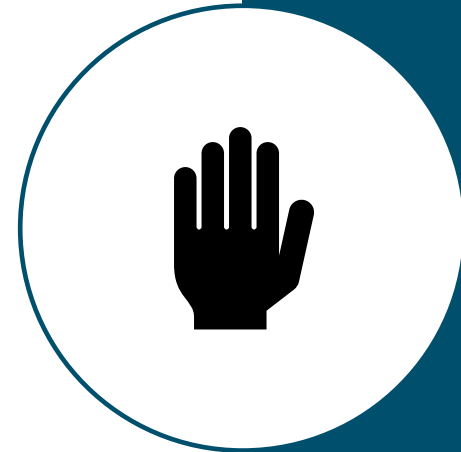
Today's Presenters

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Purpose

Review highlights of interim guidance for homeless service providers for COVID-19

<https://www.csb.org/providers/COVID-19-provider-guidance>

Provide recommendations on cleaning, disinfection, and responses to reduce the transmission of COVID-19

Screening

- Starting March 17, 2020: Homeless Hotline will begin screening persons who are eligible and being referred to shelter for self-reported symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Persons who are confirmed or under investigation will be reviewed with CSB on case-by-case basis for interim problem-solving while Alternative facilities for isolation & quarantine for such individuals are being established
- Persons with severe symptoms will be referred to 9-1-1
- At check-in, provide any client mild respiratory symptoms with a surgical mask and take other precautions.

Considerations for Staff

Develop policies for worker protection and provide training to all staff on site prior to providing cleaning tasks

Training should include when to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Consideration for Clients

- Beds/mats should ideally be spaced at least 3 feet apart (ideally 6 feet apart) in a head to toe arrangement.
- Ensure bathrooms and other sinks are consistently stocked with soap and drying materials for handwashing
- Provide access to fluids, tissues, plastic bags for the proper disposal of used tissues.

#1 Way to Stop the Spread

Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%-95% alcohol may be used



- After removing PPE such as gloves
- After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After using the restroom
- Before eating or preparing food
- After contact with animals or pets
- Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g., a child)

Key Times to Clean Hands

Clean Common Areas Often

Focus on cleaning and disinfecting common areas frequently and comprehensively where staff/others providing services may come into contact with ill persons, but reducing cleaning and disinfection of bedrooms/bathrooms used by ill persons to as needed.



Isolation

- As possible, confine clients with mild respiratory symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection to individual rooms, if possible, and have them avoid common areas
- Identify 1 or 2 staff (properly trained on universal precautions) who will bring food, hydration, and check in on clients who have symptoms in order to limit exposure and ensure consistent care and response. *(not staff at high risk of severe COVID-19)*

**In
isolation
areas,
help
reduce
spread
by:**



Arranging beds at least 3 feet apart – ideally 6 feet.



Creating temporary physical barriers between beds using sheets or curtains.



Arranging beds so that individuals lie head to toe relative to each other.



**CLOSE OFF AREAS USED BY ILL
PERSONS AND WAIT AS LONG AS
PRACTICAL BEFORE BEGINNING
CLEANING AND DISINFECTION TO
MINIMIZE POTENTIAL FOR
EXPOSURE TO RESPIRATORY
DROPLETS**



**OPEN OUTSIDE DOORS AND
WINDOWS TO INCREASE AIR
CIRCULATION IN THE AREA**

Reporting

- Confirmed cases of COVID-19 should be immediately reported to Columbus Public Health at 614-645-1519 and Franklin County Public Health at 614-525-8888.
- Confirmed cases must also be immediately reported to CSB via a Major/Unusual Incident report faxed to Erin Maus at 614-221-9199 for immediately problem-solving and linkage to alternative facilities.
- If you are in Columbus/Franklin County and have symptoms of COVID-19, are a homeless service provider with questions about COVID-19 or concern about a client, or if you're a healthcare provider with questions about COVID-19, contact 614-645-1519. The Call Center is open 7 days per week from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Questions