

Faceshield use required at homes with positive Covid case(s). Also in these circumstances:

- **IDD CLS:**
 - Required when we are in the High transmission level
- **MH CLS/PSR:**
 - Will be at management's discretion.
- **CDS:**
 - Required when we are in high transmission level while doing close work with members such as in bathrooms.

Masks for our CDS/PSR/CLS sites:

- For now, masks continue to be required at all times on site (except for vaccinated staff at offices-Elston 2, CO, Lombard, Palos, WC Cluster office).

Mask use during outings:

CDS/CLS/MH/PSR:

- **Vaccinated staff and members** can go by rules of establishment (if the community site isn't requiring masks, they don't have to wear them).
- **Unvaccinated staff and members** on community outings have to wear a mask, regardless of the rules of the establishment.

Mask use in vans:

- **Vaccinated staff and members** don't have to wear masks in van. Must keep proper ventilation at all times, including not using the recirculation button and keeping windows open or at least cracked to increase airflow.
- **Unvaccinated staff and members** must wear their mask while in the van and keep proper ventilation at all times, including not using the recirculation button and keeping windows open or at least cracked to increase airflow. When possible, unvaccinated members/staff should be distanced in the van.

Quarantine/Isolation:

Any asymptomatic member or staff who is waiting test results doesn't have to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated including a booster shot (up to date vaccination).

Definitions:

- **Up to date vaccination:** someone who has received all vaccinations in their series (2 for Moderna and Pfizer, 1 for Johnson & Johnson) **and** a booster shot
- **Close Contact:** Someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. For example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes. People who are exposed to someone with COVID-19 after they completed at least 5 days of isolation are not considered close contacts.
- **Exposure:** Contact with someone infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in a way that increases the likelihood of getting infected with the virus.

Timelines from CDC Chart for CDS/PSR/Office Staff staff and members

Exposures:

- If you are not up to date with vaccinations and are exposed to someone who has tested positive, you **must** quarantine for 5 at least days, watch for symptoms and test on day 5. After quarantine, continue to watch for symptoms and wear a well fitting mask until day 10 after exposure.
- If you are up to date with vaccinations (including booster shot) you **do not** have to quarantine. Get tested 5 days after exposure. Watch for symptoms until day 10 after exposure. Wear a well fitting mask for 10 full days when around others.
- If you have had Covid within the last 90 days and are exposed to someone who has tested positive, follow the same guidance as someone who is up to date with vaccinations, per the bullet point above.

Timelines for I/DD and MH CLS Staff and Members:

Exposures:

- If you are not up to date with vaccinations and are exposed to someone who has tested positive, you must quarantine for 5 days, watch for symptoms, test 2 days after exposure, 7 days later, and 5-7 days after that test until 14 days of no new positive cases. After quarantine, continue to watch for symptoms and wear a well-fitting mask until day 10 after exposure. Management discretion to be used during staffing shortages for staff who are not up to date with vaccinations.
- If you are up to date with vaccinations (including booster shot) you **do not** have to quarantine. Test 2 days after exposure, 7 days later, and 5-7 days after that test until 14 days of no new positive cases. Watch for symptoms until day 10 after exposure. Wear a well-fitting mask for 10 full days when around others.
- If you have had Covid within the last 90 days and are exposed to someone who has tested positive, follow the same guidance as someone who is up to date with vaccinations, per the bullet point above, but you do not have to be tested.

Staff or Member Tests Positive:

- Proof of positive test must be sent to HR for staff.
- Stay home for at least 5 days. If you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving you can end isolation. **Ending isolation if you did NOT have symptoms**-End isolation after at least 5 full days after your positive test. After testing positive, take precautions through day 10, including wearing a well fitted mask. **If you got very sick from COVID-19 or have a weakened immune system.** You should isolate for at least 10 days. Consult your doctor before ending isolation.
- CLS sites have to follow instructions below.
- Vans that were used by the individual who has tested positive must be cleaned.
- We will continue to utilize a professional cleaning company

Cleaning if suspected or confirmed Covid-19

- **If less than 24 hours have passed** since the person who is sick or diagnosed with Covid-19 has been in the space, we will have a professional cleaning service clean and disinfect the space.
- **If more than 24 hours have passed** since the person who is sick or diagnosed with Covid-19 has been in the space, cleaning is enough. You may choose to also disinfect depending on certain conditions or vryday practices required by your facility.
- **If more than 3 days have passed** since the person who is sick or diagnosed with Covid-19 has been in the space, no additional cleaning (beyond regular cleaning practices) is needed.
- If someone has suspected or confirmed positive Covid and are unable to leave the building right away they will wait in the designated room. After they leave, that room is to be cordoned off for 24 hours if possible prior to any internal staff cleaning it (24 hour restriction does not apply to professional company).

Instructions for homes that have a positive member:

- Residential clients will be supported in their own bedroom or space as best as possible, unless directed by a medical professional to relocate to a hospital or other center. Uninfected roommates should be moved to a different room.
- Medical authorities will be notified immediately.
- If applicable, partner agencies who may have had contact with the individual will be notified.
- ISC will be immediately notified

Detailed protocol for members who test positive:

- Testing of staff and members 2 days after exposure, 7 days later, and 5-7 days after that test until 14 days of no new positive cases. The original member that tested positive does not need to be re-tested.
- Members of the home have to wear a mask when they go into the community for 10 days while they have a housemate that has tested positive.
- Member to be provided with and trained on use of mask
- Up to date vaccinated staff exposed to positive member can continue working as long as asymptomatic.
- Unvaccinated staff must quarantine from the last interaction with the positive member (see quarantine guidelines for timeframes) and must follow the same testing guidance of 2 days after exposure, 7 days later, and 5-7 days after that test until 14 days of no new positive cases. Unless we are experiencing a critical staff shortage, then unvaccinated staff that are asymptomatic and staff that are not up to date on vaccinations can continue working based on management decision.
- A home that has a Covid positive member should ideally have vaccinated staff working and not work at any other home. There may be times due to critical staff shortages that unvaccinated staff may work in the home and/or staff may have to work at more than one home. This will be at management discretion only.

- Intensive cleaning and sanitizing-entire house throughout the day -all high touch items- counters, light switches, door knobs and area around, phone, tablet, railings, banisters, tv remotes, refrigerator handles, tables and chairs, van, keys (especially med cabinet keys)
- Also cleaning after every time the bathroom is used by the member who is sick-door handles, sink, entire toilet including flush handle, light switch
- Ventilation is key, doors and windows should be opened periodically throughout the day to get fresh air in the home.
- Use disposable products (paper cups, paper plates, plastic utensils).
- Place a garbage can in the member's room to only be used by them, must be lined (have a bag)
- Staff to use PPE any time they have contact with the individual (gown, KN95 mask, face shield, bonnet, booties, gloves). PPE must be changed out after they leave the positive member's room to avoid contaminating any other space.
- Remote monitor will be used to check on individual, staff must keep with them
- Pulse oximeter to be used. See Guidance for instructions.
- Physical check on individual in their room every 30 minutes If symptoms worsen (high(er) fever, more trouble breathing, worsening cough) follow phone tree below for contacting nursing and/or program director/house manager (MH). If they develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 call 911 and ensure you tell them the member has tested positive for Covid-19.

Emergency warning signs include:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face
- If member refuses to stay in their room-case by case consultation with team
- Arrange for additional items in bedrooms when needed for isolated individuals-televisions, radio, reading material, activities, air purifier
- Items entering the room should stay in the room to avoid cross contamination

Infection Control Procedures when a Member is Showing Signs or Symptoms:

- Preventative measures should be instituted when a member is exhibiting symptoms of Covid. There should not be any shared items. Ensure enhanced cleaning of the home and specifically anything the member touches (doorknobs, light switches, high touch areas of the bathroom). Testing will be scheduled ASAP. As able, masks should be worn by unvaccinated members while in the home and they should maintain 6 ft distance. The individual should be isolated to their room until we receive test results. If the results are negative, things can go back to normal. If the individual tests positive ensure the full protocol is implemented below for how to handle a positive member case. Staff should wear the KN95/N95 masks and face shield for eye protection until a test comes back negative.

I/DD and MH CLS-When COVID-19 Community Levels are HIGH:

Screening and other Procedures for Newly Admitted Residents:

- Screen residents upon admission for signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

- Testing of new admissions is recommended because of the risk of unrecognized COVID-19 infection, regardless of vaccination status. If negative, test again 5-7 days after admission.
- PCR testing is the preferred testing method. If unable to perform PCR testing, rapid Antigen point-of-care (POC) or At-Home testing is acceptable.
- Educate newly admitted residents on the core principles of infection prevention and control and instruct them to comply with masking, physical distancing, hand hygiene, and environmental cleaning, particularly when in shared spaces.
- Strongly encourage and facilitate vaccination for unvaccinated new admissions and booster vaccines for eligible individuals.

Screening for Residents and Staff:

- Screen residents and staff for signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and perform temperature checks regularly; ideally daily or every time they enter the facility or home.
- Staff should perform self-screening regularly and should not work when sick. Staff who develop symptoms at home should not report to work. Staff who develop symptoms at work should immediately notify their supervisor and go home.
- Screen/assess residents with COVID-19 at least daily for signs and symptoms of severe illness. Minimize the number of staff interacting with COVID-positive residents.
- Consider virtual check-ins for residents who have high independence; consider use of tablet/smart phone for assessments.

Screening for Visitors:

- Visitors should be screened upon arrival.
- Everyone must be screened upon entry, and individuals excluded with:
 0. A positive COVID-19 test in the past 5 days.
 1. Signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
 2. Exposure to someone with COVID-19 in the past 5 days if the visitor is unvaccinated OR not boosted.
- All visitors should wear a well-fitting face mask and perform hand hygiene.