Interim Guidance for Agencies That Serve People with Developmental Disabilities

This document summarizes CUPHD’s guidance for agencies that serve people with developmental disabilities during COVID-19. This document will be reviewed and updated by CUPHD on May 31st.

Guidance

- Promptly assess residents for fever and symptoms and signs of respiratory infection upon admission
- Prohibit all non-essential persons from entering the facility
  - This includes volunteers, interns, presenters, etc.
- Suspend child/family visits in lieu of web based visits or alternatives
- Staff should wear a face covering while working. Medical grade face masks should be prioritized for staff working closely with residents, if masks are limited. Other staff may wear a cloth face covering that tightly covers the mouth and nose. Use discretion when deciding to use masks with cognitively impaired residents.
- Residents should keep a 6 foot distance from each other at all times, the the greatest extent possible.
  - This may require modifications to usual practices, such as staggered dining times or restricted social hours.
- Set up a sanitation station at the entrance of the building. Make sure everyone entering washes their hands properly (warm water, soap, 20 seconds).
- Require employees limit use of cell phones to break times. Wash hands after using phone.
- Require staff’s temperatures be taken prior to their shift starting
  - If a staff member falls sick at work, send them home.
  - Do not allow sick employees to come into work.
  - If you have a respiratory like illness, stay home for at least 7 days after you first became ill, or for 72 hours after your fever has stopped (without the use of fever-reducing drugs), and your cough or sore throat symptoms have improved (whichever is longer).
- Designate an area where residents can be isolated, if they become sick.

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