Interim Guidance for Agencies That Serve People with Developmental Disabilities

This document summarizes CUPHD’s recommendations for Agencies That Serve People with Developmental Disabilities during Phase 3 of Restore Illinois. This guidance will be reviewed and updated by CUPHD if our region moves Phases.

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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