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**COVID-19: INFECTION PREVENTION**

# SUBJECT: Infection Control – COVID-19 and Droplet Precautions

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## Accountability: All Staff Document No.: COVID-001

**Reference:** Interim Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 in DHS-Licensed ADS Settings.

**POLICY:** Universal/Standard Precautions are to be followed whenever direct contact takes place regardless of diagnosis.

* To control the spread of infection.
* To assure that all staff persons understand use of protective equipment
* To ensure protection of individuals from transmission of communicable/infectious diseases
* To meet OSHA regulations

Staff will use droplet precautions with any participant that, while participating in the adult day program, develops COVID symptoms or is found to have an exposure.

**PROCEDURE:**

The following process will be implemented:

1. The program will follow staff and participant screening and cleaning/disinfecting policies.
2. Standard Precautions apply to all participants regardless of their diagnosis or suspected infection status.
3. When there is evidence or suspected COVID infection or potential exposure, staff will:
	* Separate the participant from the other participants in the program.
	* Arrange to have the participant picked up from the program.
	* Utilize droplet precautions when working with the participant. Droplet precautions include:
* Hand Hygiene: Hands are to be washed after touching blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions, and other contaminated items, whether or not gloves have been worn. Hands must be washed immediately after removal of gloves, between any patient contact and when otherwise indicated. This will help prevent transmission of microorganisms. To prevent cross contamination of different body sites on the same participant, it may be necessary to wash hands between tasks and procedures.
* Gloves: Gloves are to be worn when touching blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions, and other contaminated items. Clean, non-sterile gloves will be adequate. Gloves shall be changed between tasks and procedures on the same participant after contact with material that may contain high concentration of microorganisms.
* Mask, Eye Protection, Face Shields: When performing procedures that may be likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood, body fluids, secretions or excretions, wear a mask and eye protection, or a face shield. This will protect the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose, and mouth.
* Gowns: When performing procedures that may be likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood, body fluids, secretions, or excretions, wear a gown to protect the skin and to prevent soiling of clothing. Always remove the soiled gown as soon as possible and wash hands.
* Participant Care Equipment: All participant care equipment soiled with blood, body fluids, secretions, or excretions shall be handled in a manner which will prevent skin and mucous membrane exposures. Single use, disposable items must be disposed of properly. Make sure reusable equipment has been cleaned and reprocessed appropriately prior to use on another participant.

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