

- All Minnesotans are subject to the Stay Safer at Home and Universal Masking Executive Orders currently in effect in Minnesota.
- The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is aware that many long-term care and service providers have independent living tenants residing in stand-alone buildings, in separate buildings on a senior living campus or in buildings registered as housing with services establishments. The guidance to be followed by providers with independent living tenants will depend on the status and registration of the building in which these individuals live.
- If an independent living building is connected to a building with a HWS Registration or a nursing home, the IL building should follow the most restrictive level for the safety of its tenants. Independent living tenants are not required to be screened and tested but will be requested to follow the same restrictions for visitors, source control, activities and dining. Tenants, when absent from the building, are encouraged to maintain protective protocols and to self-isolate upon return.
- Obligations of providers to adhere to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the MDH will vary depending on a specific building’s licensure or registration status.
- All provider types should encourage their consumers to adhere to CDC and MDH guidance. This should be done through regular consumer education and reminders.

INDEPENDENT LIVING – Does NOT have a Housing with Services Registration

Situations	Face Coverings and Social Distancing	Tenants Leaving and Returning	24-hour Screening Upon Entry	Visitors	Move Ins/Returns	Report COVID-19 Symptoms	Testing
This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand-alone buildings not on a campus or attached to other senior living buildings • Stand-alone buildings located on a senior living campus • Separate buildings adjacent and attached to another senior living setting 	Face covering required in all public spaces and common areas unless medically contraindicated Social distancing of at least 6 feet required in all public spaces and common areas.	No obligation to monitor tenants who leave and return to building. BUT: Encourage tenants to stay safe at home per Executive Order **Buildings attached to other settings should either close access between buildings or make sure points of entry to/exit from attached building are monitored as required	No obligation to screen tenants or visitors **Buildings attached to other settings should either close access between buildings or make sure entrants to attached building are screened as required.	<u>Outside:</u> Allowed. <u>Inside:</u> Can discourage and try to limit but cannot prohibit Can close common areas or other community spaces such as gyms or pools. **Permission for visitors is limited to IL building only and does not extend to other buildings on campus or to attached setting.	Request that move-ins and tenants returning to the building after leave of absence isolate for 14 days.	Encourage reporting.	Tenants of IL building are not required to be tested **If individual tenants receive home care services from a licensed home care agency, their home care provider will have other information and instructions.

HWS BUILDINGS – with or without an AL designation (Includes Memory Care AL)

Situations	Face Masks and Social Distancing	Tenants Leaving and Returning	24-Hour Screening Upon Entry	Visitors	Move Ins/ Returns	Report COVID-19 Symptoms	Testing
<p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings in which only <u>some tenants receive home care services</u> from an arranged home care provider Buildings in which <u>all tenants receive home care services</u> from an arranged home care provider 	<p>Face covering required in all public spaces and common areas unless medically contraindicated.</p> <p>Face covering required during all visit types: e.g. outdoor, window, Essential Caregiver</p> <p>Face covering required during close contact care.</p> <p>Social distancing of at least 6 feet required in all public spaces and common areas.</p>	<p>Encourage tenants to stay safe at home per Executive Order</p> <p><u>BUT:</u> Can't require tenants to remain in bldg.</p>	<p>24-hour active screening of tenants, visitors, and staff required</p>	<p><u>Outside:</u> Allowed per applicable MDH guidance.</p> <p><u>Inside:</u> Restricted to compassionate care visits and essential caregivers, all per MDH guidance.</p> <p>Visitors must adhere to HWS establishment's screening and PPE protocols</p>	<p>Move-ins and tenants returning to the building after a leave of absence must isolate for 14 days</p>	<p>Must ask and encourage tenants to report symptoms</p> <p>Tenants <u>who are also clients</u> of the arranged home care provider must be monitored for symptoms of COVID-19 and changes in condition, all per home care licensure requirements</p> <p>Tenants <u>who are not clients</u> of the arranged home care provider must be observed generally for symptoms of COVID-19</p>	<p>Required to have a written testing plan.</p> <p>Required to test symptomatic residents and staff.</p> <p>All other testing recommendations and detail can be found in the visitor guidance,</p>

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