**COVID-19: INFECTION PREVENTION**

# SUBJECT: Unvaccinated Participant / Staff COVID-19 Exposure

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

**Reference:** <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html>

**POLICY:** To minimize transmission of respiratory pathogens within the facility and among participants and health care workers (HCW).

**PROCEDURE:**

1. If an unvaccinated staff person or a participant has [close contact](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html#what) exposure to someone who tests positive for COVID-19, they must quarantine for 14 days before returning to the program.
   * If during quarantine the staff person or participant develops signs and symptoms of COVID they must remain quarantined until:
   * They feel better. Their cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms are better.  
     **and**
   * It has been 10 days since they first felt sick.  
     **and**
   * They have had no fever for at least 24 hours, without using medicine that lowers fevers.
2. If notice of positive exposure occurs while staff is at the center, ask staff to leave immediately. Staff will quarantine for 14 days from the positive test date before returning to the program.
3. If notice of positive exposure occurs while participant is in the center:
   * isolate the individual until pick up can be arranged.
   * Staff will wear gloves, gowns, eye protection, and masks when working with the participant.
4. Communicate with participants and family caregivers that a positive exposure has occurred.

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