

In-home Caregiver: COVID-19 Screening Flow Chart

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Before staff provide care for an individual in the home, they should ask themselves:

- Do I have a fever (Higher than 100.0 degrees) or new respiratory symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- Have I travelled to a COVID-19-affected area (outside of U.S) in the past 14 days? (check CDC website for current affected countries outside of the US)
- Have I had close contact with a person (live with or are within 6 ft. of for over 15 minutes) who has a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the past 14 days?
- Have I been diagnosed with COVID-19 or told by a healthcare provider that you may or do have COVID-19?

YES

If staff answered YES to ANY of these questions:

Staff should not go in to work.

Direct them to notify their immediate Supervisor, the Infectious Disease team, and health care provider for further guidance.

NO

If staff answered NO to ALL of the above questions, staff or agency personnel should call the client or representative ahead of a visit and ask the client or representative if they or *anyone who lives in their house:*

- 1. Have a fever (Higher than 100.0 degrees) or new respiratory symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- Have travelled to a COVID-19-affected area (outside of U.S) in the past 14 days? (check CDC website for current affected countries outside of the US)
- 3. Have had close contact with a person (live with or are within 6 ft. of for over 15 minutes) who has a **confirmed** COVID-19 diagnosis in the past 14 days?
- 4. Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or told by a healthcare provider that you may or do have COVID-19?

YES

If the client answered YES to ANY of these questions, the client should call their health care provider and follow the provider's guidance. If the client needs your help to make this call, a staff member should provide assistance.

THEN

NO

If the client answered NO to ALL of these questions:

Staff should continue to provide care to this individual in the home, using strategies of prevention including:

- Washing your hands often with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze, using a tissue or the inside of your elbow
- Limiting physical contact with your client to only what is needed for care tasks
- Practice social distancing when possible with your client, and others in the clients home.

Perform a self-check screening and client screening every day, even if you are a live-in caregiver

If the client answered YES to question 1 only

Staff are expected to continue to provide services to this individual using prevention strategies and personal protective equipment (PPE) including:

- Having the client wear a face mask;
- Wearing gloves when touching the individual;
- Limiting physical contact; and Maintaining personal hygiene for yourself and the individual as described in this guidance
- Practice social distancing when possible with your client, and others in the clients home.

If the client answered YES to questions 1, and 2 or 3; or question 4:

Agency Clinical Staff should notify their immediate Supervisor. The Supervisor will consult with Infection Control/COVID-19 Taskforce.

Staff are expected to continue to provide services to this individual using prevention strategies and personal protective equipment (PPE):

- Having the client wear a face mask:
- The employee should follow these guidelines:
 - o Wear a NIOSH approved N95 or higher respirator mask.
 - Eye protection if at risk of getting splashed
 - o Gloves
 - Limiting physical contact; and
 - Maintaining personal hygiene for yourself and the individual as described in this guidance
 - Practice social distancing when possible with your client, and others in the clients home.

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