

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:

1. Do I have a fever (>100.0), cough or shortness of breath, or at least 2 of these symptoms: fever, shaking/chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell?
2. Have I travelled internationally in the past 14 days?
3. Have I returned from a cruise in the past 14 days?
4. Have I been diagnosed with COVID-19 or told by a healthcare provider that I may or do have COVID-19?
5. 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?

YES →

If staff answered YES to questions 1, 2, 3 or 4 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.

If staff answered YES to question 5 only, please contact your supervisor and the infectious disease team. You will need to wear a surgical/procedural facemask or KN95 mask for 14 days post exposure. (Elara Caring is currently requiring these masks for all visits indefinitely.)

↓ **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:

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5. 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:

- Staff should wear a surgical/procedural or KN95 facemask (this is not required by the CDC, but a recommendation by Elara Caring)
- 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; and
- 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 surgical/procedural facemask;
- Staff should wear a surgical/procedural/ or KN95 facemask (this is not required by the CDC, but a recommendation by Elara Caring)
- Wearing gloves when touching the individual;
- Limiting physical contact;
- Maintaining personal hygiene for yourself and the individual as described in this guidance; and
- Practice social distancing when possible with your client, and others in the clients home.

If the client answered YES to questions 1, and 2, 3 or 4; or YES to question 5:

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 surgical/procedural face mask;
- The employee should follow these guidelines:
 - Wear a N95 mask *preferred (or higher)
 - If above masks are not available, a KN95 mask can be worn with a faceshield
 - Eye protection and gown
 - Gloves
 - Limiting physical contact
 - Maintaining personal hygiene for yourself and the individual;
 - Practice social distancing when possible with your client, and others in the clients home.