

## General Prevention Tips for Non-Healthcare Workers

- **Vaccination:** Encourage all staff and clients to get vaccinated. All individuals who completed their Pfizer or Moderna series more than 5 months ago, or their J+J shot more than 2 months ago should get a booster shot.
- **Masking:** All clients, staff, and visitors who are 2 years of age and older must wear facemasks when indoors with others except during meals and when sleeping. Masks should be fitted and cover both the nose and mouth. Using a well fitted cloth mask over a surgical or medical mask is more protective than either alone. Individuals can also consider wearing KN95s or N95s.
- **Distancing:** Consider staggering breaks and mealtimes. Most transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 occurs while people are unmasked.
- **Hand washing and other prevention supplies:** Maintain access to handwashing facilities for clients and staff. Ensure sufficient supplies (including hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol) are available and reinforce hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- **Cleaning high-touch surfaces:** Clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces regularly. Pay attention to doorknobs, banisters, tabletops, handrails, pens, phones, bathroom fixtures, keyboards, light switches, remotes, etc. Most disinfectants are effective against the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. Information about effective products against SARS-CoV-2 can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/about-list-n-disinfectants-coronavirus-covid-19-0>.
- **Posting Prevention Reminders:** Post signs at entrances and in strategic places providing instruction on masking, distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, and cough etiquette.
- **Screening for symptoms:** Continue to screen clients, staff, and visitors for COVID-19 symptoms. Encourage ill staff, volunteers, or visitors to stay home (or be sent home if they develop symptoms while at the facility) to prevent transmitting the infection to others.
- **Testing:** Encourage staff and clients to be tested whenever they have any symptom of COVID and whenever they are exposed to individuals with COVID.