Coronavirus (COVID-19) Screening Tool

INSTRUCTIONS
Use this form to screen all entering clients. The Ohio Balance of State CoC recommends that clients in congregate shelters be screened daily. This information may be entered into HMIS. See the [HMIS Coronavirus Screening Tool](#) workflow.

SCREENING TYPE
- Client is entering
- Client is being re-screened

STATEMENT TO CLIENT
Please read this statement to the entering client:

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in hospitalization or death, even for young people with no underlying medical conditions. You can help prevent the spread of COVID 19 by staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding touching your face, coughing and sneezing into a tissue or an elbow rather than your hands, and washing your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available.

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VULNERABLE CLIENTS
- Yes
- No
- Are you 60 or older?
- Yes
- No
- Do you have a history of respiratory issues?
- Yes
- No
- Do you suffer from heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, or other serious chronic illnesses?

SYMPTOMS
See Symptomatic Client Procedures on page 2 if client is symptomatic.
- Yes
- No
- Have you felt like you had a fever in the past day?
- Yes
- No
- Do you have a new or worsening cough today?
- Yes
- No
- Do you have a sore throat today?
- Yes
- No
- Do you have difficulty breathing or shortness of breath today?

POTENTIAL CONTACT
- Yes
- No
- Have you had close contact with an ill person who is under investigation for COVID-19?
- Yes
- No
- Have you had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient while that person was ill?

NOTES

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SYMPTOMATIC CLIENT PROCEDURES

Guidance from the CDC
If the client has a fever OR a new/worsening cough:
1. Provide a facemask for the client to wear over their nose and mouth, if facemasks are available and if the client can tolerate it.
   a. If facemasks are not available, advise the client on cough etiquette and provide tissues.
2. Notify management and appropriate healthcare providers, as available
3. Direct them to an isolation room if available, or an available space in the area designated for symptomatic persons
   a. If your shelter does not have an area for symptomatic people, redirect the person to the location prespecified by your CoC, public health department, and community leadership
4. Let the client know:
   a. If their symptoms worsen, they should notify someone immediately
   b. Not to leave their room/the symptomatic area except to use the restroom
   c. If they leave their room/the symptomatic area, they must wear a mask

Guidance from the Ohio Balance of State CoC
If you have a client with severe symptoms of COVID-19 infection, call 911. Severe symptoms include:
1. Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
2. Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
3. Sudden dizziness
4. Confusion
5. Severe or persistent vomiting
6. Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

Many people with COVID-19 will have mild illness and do not need to be hospitalized. Consider the following for symptomatic clients who have not been confirmed positive for COVID-19 by laboratory testing.
1. Mild symptoms do not typically require medical attention. However, clients with these symptoms will need to be isolated from other clients and staff/volunteers.
2. If a symptomatic client is over age 60 or has underlying medical problems like diabetes, heart disease or lung disease, weakened/suppressed immune symptoms or is pregnant, they may be more vulnerable to COVID-19 and its complications.
3. Clients with respiratory symptoms should wear surgical masks to protect those around them and be reminded and strongly encouraged to follow personal hygiene and sanitation measures.
4. If at all possible, isolate clients who are symptomatic, per Ohio BoSCoC COVID-19 Guidance for Homeless System Providers found at https://cohhio.org/boscoc/covid19/