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Special Programs For Youth (SPY)

Juvenile Justice Center COVID-19 Recommended Precautions

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In order to reduce the risk of community spread of COVID-19, we are encouraging the following measures to mitigate the possibility of COVID-19 from spreading, which has been adopted from [Preliminary Guidance for Long Term Care Facilities \(3/7/2020\)](#) and [Interim Guidance: Preventing Spread of COVID-19 in Community Congregate Living Settings for Those Who are Housed in Private Rooms \(3/15/2020\)](#).

To Help protect vulnerable patients over age 60 and those with chronic medical conditions from being exposed to COVID-19 and to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 case

- Restrict all visitors from entering the facility
- Restrict access to all non-essential personnel including, but not limited to, contractor or members of the public who do not perform treatment, maintenance, support, or administrative tasks at the Program.
- Restrict youth from leaving and returning unless essential and re-screen upon returning.
PLEASE NOTIFY SPY WHEN A YOUTH IS RETURNING SO WE MAY RE-SCREEN THEM.
- In all situations when youth leave the facility, they are ordered to strictly comply with San Francisco Department Public Health Social Distancing Protocols.
- As much as possible minimize, physical contact between youth and non-essential personnel. Consider physical activities that minimize physical contact.
- When possible try and maintain 6 feet distance at all times

Group

- All large group meetings should be cancelled.
- Small group meetings may be conducted if they are essential. All non-essential group meetings should be cancelled.
- Small groups must be limited to meetings of 10 or fewer program staff or youth participants.
- Group participants should maintain a 6-foot personal perimeter (two chairs space); and group space should not be small, crowded or poorly ventilated.

Daily Screening

- Youth will be screened by SPY staff daily by **VERBALLY** asking the following:
 - If youth is experiencing any new symptoms or feels like they have a fever.
 - If youth endorses subjective fever and/or other symptoms, an RN will check vital signs including temperature (A fever is considered temperature over 100.4 F or 38 C).

Restrict Employees From Working While Ill

- Staff with respiratory or influenza-like illness should not work until 24 hours after resolution of fever without medications and other symptoms have gone.
- Ensure sick leave policies allow employees to stay home if they have symptoms of infection.
- Staff developing symptoms while at work should immediately don a surgical mask, notify management, and leave work.

Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

- Encourage hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette by all youth, visitors and staff.
- Post signs encouraging hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette at entrance to your building and in other areas where they are likely to be seen such as gathering areas, bathrooms, and recreation area, classrooms. A hand hygiene sign with multiple translations is available for download at: <http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-825.pdf>
- Encourage handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds OR use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer at least 60-95% ethanol. Soap and water are preferred if hands are visibly dirty.
- Ensure there is hand sanitizer, tissues, and lined waste bins for youth, visitors, and staff throughout facility.

Social Distancing In Residential Setting

- What is “social distancing”?
 - Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least six feet away from other people lessens your chances of catching COVID-19.
 - Ensuring that there is 6 feet of space diagonal between youth and staff whenever possible.
 - Ensuring that youth sit at least 2 chairs away from each during meals times or other small gathering of 10 people or less. Consider having youth seated at different tables during meal times if possible.

Enhanced cleaning of youth rooms and common areas

- Make sure all surfaces are wiped with an EPA-approved disinfectant at least daily and as needed especially “high touch” surfaces such as doorknobs, handrails, etc. To view the list of EPA-registered disinfectant products, visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide->

[registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2](#)

- Clean frequently touch surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles).
- Clean shared bathrooms and showers at least weekly
- Clean shared cooking facilities at least weekly
- Update your master cleaning schedule and instructions
 - For detailed mandated cleaning instruction, see “Minimum Environmental Cleaning Standard for Business, School, and SRO settings”
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/alert/files/CoVid-19-Business-and-SROs.pdf>

Facility/Program Management and Staff

Stay up to date with local and state COVID-19 activity and developments (in addition to CDC)

- <http://www.sfdph.org> Up to date information on COVID-19
- <http://www.sfdph.org/covid19> Answers to frequently asked questions
- <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx> California info.

Provide hygiene and prevention materials:

- Provide easy access to soap, water, paper towels for hand drying, and ethanol-based hand rubs at:
 - All entries
 - Dining areas
 - Shared bathrooms
 - Kitchen areas
 - Public phones
 - Computer stations
 - Elevators
 - By the doors of community rooms
 - Wash hands frequently
 - Avoid touching your face with your hands
- Ensure that adequate supplies are present and maintained:
 - Hot and cold water
 - Liquid hand soap
 - Ethanol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% ethanol
 - Facial tissues-place at entrances and community areas
 - Plastic-lined wastebaskets- place at entrances and community areas
 - Disposable surgical masks
 - Gloves in a variety size (for staff)
 - Disposable gown (for staff)
 - Signs addressing hygiene
 - Disposable wipes for staff to clean surfaces.