

Mandatory Direct Support Professional COVID 19 Screening Tool

Upon the start of the shift, the DSP shall be screened prior to admittance into the group home.

All SCARC Maintenance staff, outside contractors and vendors doing required work in the program must be screened prior to admittance into the program. These individuals must wear masks at all times while in the program.

SCARC employee that is working and has already passed the screening is to ask the following questions:

1. Within the past 14 days have you traveled to China, Europe, Iran, Ireland, **Brazil**, United Kingdom?
2. **Have you traveled out of the tri-state area?**
3. Have you had a temperature above 99.9 within the last 24 hours?
4. Do you currently have any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever/temperature above 99.9 degrees
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue**
 - Muscle **or body aches**
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore Throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea**
5. Have you or someone in your household been in close contact with a person positive for COVID 19? (Close contact is defined as follows: Being within approximately 6 feet of a person with confirmed COVID-19 for more than 10 minutes such as caring for or visiting the person, having unprotected direct contact with infectious secretions or excretions of the patient. (Being coughed on or touching used tissues with a bare hand)
*Please note that if the close contact was solely due to continuing care for a COVID 19 individual in the group home, Yes to this question does not preclude the staff person working in that program. In this instance, the staff person can continue to work unless they display symptoms and should follow universal precautions including wearing personal protective equipment (if recommended by a healthcare professional).

If the person has stated yes to any of the above questions, please decline entry to the program. Please alert Katie Swanson and/the Director if during normal business hours otherwise, the AOC. They will most likely be referred to their doctor for further instruction. When speaking to the doctor request a suspected diagnosis, treatment recommendations and if/when DSP may return to work.

If person stated no all the above questions, allow them to enter. Employees entering the program must wash their hands immediately and discourage non-essential close contact as much as possible including handshakes, hugs, etc.

The typical temperature level is dependent upon the route which it is taken. Check the instructions that came with the thermometer to ensure you have the correct normal range. If unavailable, here are some guidelines:

-The average normal oral temperature is 97°F-99°F

-An ear (tympanic) temperature is 0.5°F to 1°F higher than an oral temperature.

-A forehead (temporal) scanner is usually 0.5°F to 1°F lower than an oral temperature.

Sanitize the thermometer in between each use with an alcohol swab.

If using an ear probe cover, designate one per person in a labeled bag so that it may be reused if needed.

If you get an abnormal reading, try it again. For example, if taken tympanically, you may want to check the other ear.

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