

Shelter COVID-19 Management Algorithm

Definitions

Asymptomatic: No symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., no fever or respiratory symptoms).

Symptomatic = Suspect COVID-19 case: Person with documented fever, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, OR two (2) of feeling feverish, chills, repeated shaking with chills, or sore throat.

Confirmed COVID-19 case: Person with positive respiratory specimen test results done by molecular detection method (e.g., polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or other nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT)).

Infectious period (for symptomatic cases): From 48 hours before symptoms started until at least 10 days after symptoms started and at least 72 hours after fever resolved, without using fever-reducing medications, and symptoms improving. Note: this does not mean to withhold fever-reducing medications from cases if they need it. The 72 hours begins after they no longer have a fever and they do not need the fever-reducing medications.

High-risk contact: Person with high risk exposure type listed below to suspect or confirmed COVID -19 case during infectious period (see above):

- Household member or intimate partner
- Individual providing care in a household without using recommended infection control precautions (e.g., minimum mask and gloves)
- Individual who has had close contact (within 6 feet) for a prolonged period of time (at least 15 minutes) while neither the case nor contact was wearing a mask.

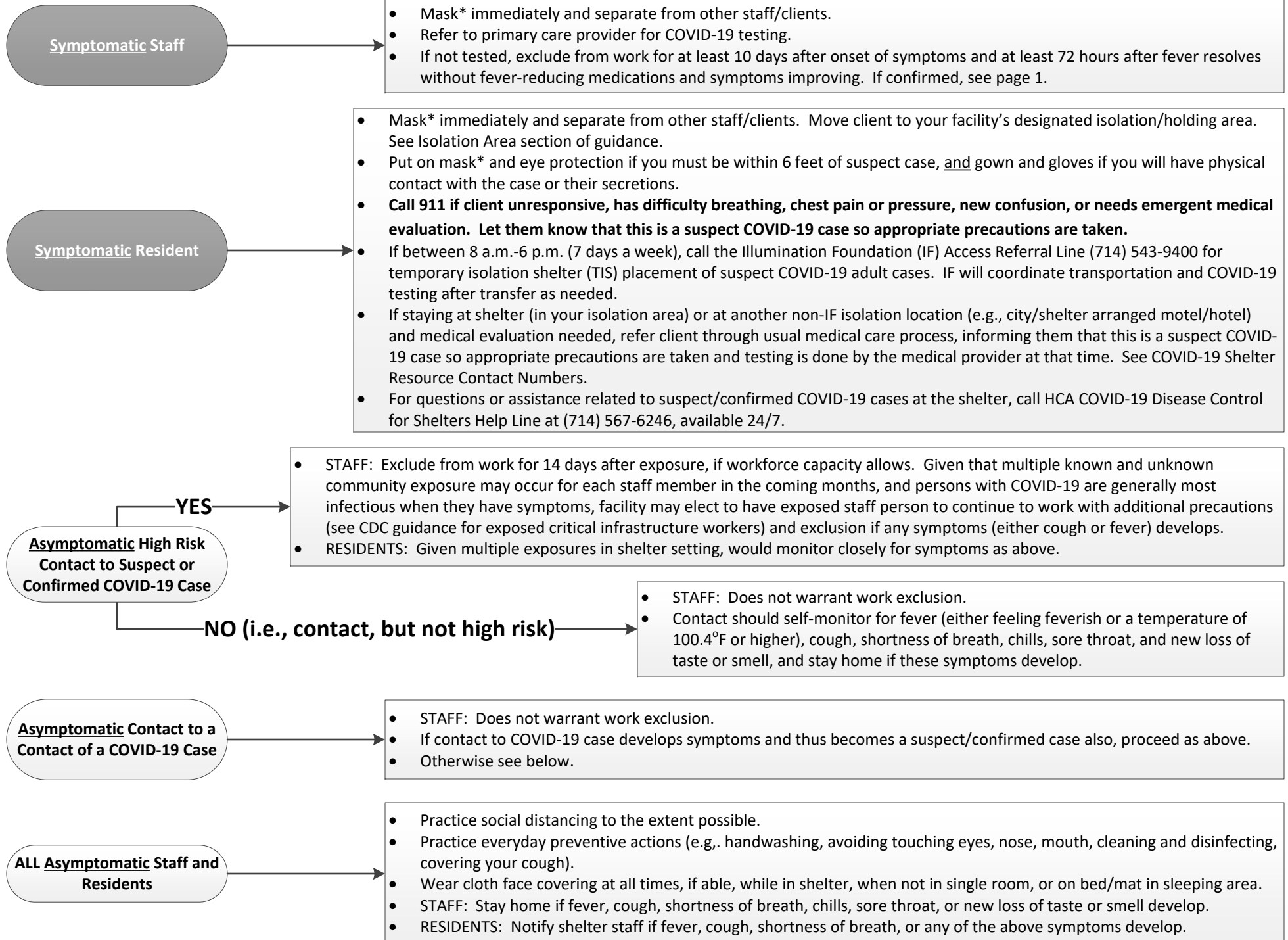
Isolation: Separation of people ill and infected with a communicable disease from those who are healthy to prevent the spread of the disease.

Quarantine: Separation of people who are not ill but have been exposed to a communicable disease from those who have not been exposed to prevent the spread if they exposed do become infected.

**Confirmed COVID-19 Case
(Resident or Staff) in Shelter
During Infectious Period**



- Notify all staff and residents about confirmed COVID-19 case at shelter (without disclosing identity of case), educate them about symptoms of COVID-19 and how to report, and reinforce preventive measures (see Key Preventive Measures section in guidance).
- Screen all staff and residents for symptoms of COVID-19. Shelter should use process most likely to be effective in their setting, whether it be one-on-one questioning or group announcements with availability of private individual reporting. See sample "COVID-19 Screening Log."
- Follow instructions on page 2 for any symptomatic staff or clients, respectively.
- Continue to screen staff and residents **daily** for symptoms of COVID-19 and provide education for 14 days after last exposure at the shelter. Resume at minimum every other day symptom screening once 14 days has passed since last exposure.
- Follow Public Health instructions as to when confirmed COVID-19 cases (whether resident or staff) may return to shelter.
- Additional recommendations may be given by Public Health if more than one case identified at shelter.



*mask = disposable surgical or procedure mask, not N-95 respirator. See guidance if masks not available