

Summary of Rainier School's Response to COVID-19

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) – The EOC at Rainier School is in constant operation with daily meetings to discuss specifics in concern to staffing, restrictions, PPE and everything COVID-19.

Staff COVID-19 Screening – All staff receive daily COVID-19 screening. This includes receiving a temperature check in addition to answering several questions about the employee's health in relation to COVID-19 symptoms.

Telework Opportunities – I have worked with the department leads to determine suitable telework options for those employees that are able telework full or in part. We have created plans for these individuals to telework when possible, following the Executive Order to the best of our ability while maintaining safe and healthy living conditions for the clients.

Visitor/Vendor/Contractor Restrictions – Based on CMS and the Governor's mandates, there are strict visitor restrictions. This limits the amount of individuals on our campus and around our clients and therefore helps to reduce the chances of bringing COVID-19 to Rainier School.

Continuous communication – There is continuous communication with our employees and clients around numerous topics, including:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols and policies
- Proper Handwashing Information (including nurse checks)
- COVID-19 Address Video

Increased cleaning of general surfaces – The facility is engaging increased cleaning of general surfaces around the entire campus. Multi- daily environmental cleaning checklists were created for administration areas and all client homes. Cleaning/sanitation is required a minimum of three times a day. In addition, the Custodial department is engaging in continual efforts to disinfect door knobs, commonly used spaces, etc.

Limited Exposure – We are working to ensure that we are limiting exposure to the virus through:

- Cancelling all off campus trips (effective March 6)
- Emergent medical trips are the only exception to this cancellation policy.
- All wide scale campus activities have been cancelled.
- Group activities may not have more than 3 participants.
- Individuals that participate in activities are required to practice social distancing while engaging in the activity.
- Clients have limited engagement with other clients from other houses to limit potential exposure across houses and PATs.
- Restricting movement on houses, per policy, when necessary.
- The Coffee Shop has been closed to reduce large gatherings of individuals from different areas.

Staff PPE – All staff working directly with clients are strongly encouraged to wear masks while engaging with clients. We are working diligently to provide masks for all frontline staff to utilize.

Client Learning – We are working with clients to understand the many aspects of the coronavirus, including but not limited to:

- Explaining what the virus is
- Proper handwashing techniques
- The importance of practicing healthy habits
- Coping skills in relation to COVID-19 distress.

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