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State Department of Health

Important Updates from OSDH

May 4, 2020

Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 for ICF/IID and PRTF facilities

CMS issued memo [guidance for ICF/IID and PRTF facilities](#) on March 30, 2020 that was omitted in our earlier distributions.

CMS provided additional guidance to ICF/IIDs and PRTFs to help control and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Per CDC, prompt detection, triage and isolation of potentially infectious clients/residents are essential to prevent unnecessary exposures among clients/residents, healthcare personnel, and visitors at the facility. The following is an overview of the steps facilities should take to assist in the prevention and protection of client/residents and personnel:

- Consider frequent monitoring for potential symptoms of respiratory infection as needed throughout the day
- Refer to guidance on screening visitors and monitoring or restricting facility health care staff: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html>
- Use CDC and CMS guidance that has been made available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/index.html> and refer to other links included in the [CMS memo](#)
- Communicate frequently with residents and their family/representatives to reassure them of all the steps you are taking to prevent the spread of the virus

Facilities experiencing any new respiratory illnesses (regardless of suspected etiology) among clients/residents or healthcare personnel should be initially evaluated by their facility medical professional and if deemed necessary contact the Oklahoma State Department of Health for further guidance by calling the Coronavirus On Call Center at 211.

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