

Admission and Discharge Guidance for Providers

Admission to a Residential Facility:

1. Upon admission to a facility, youth will be asked the below screening questions:
 - a. Have you or anyone else in your home had contact within the last fourteen days with any person under investigation for COVID-19, or with anyone with known or suspected COVID-19?
 - b. Do you or does anyone else in your home have any symptoms of a respiratory infection, for example, cough, sore throat, fever (over 100.4), or shortness of breath?
2. If the answer to either question is "Yes,"
 - a. Contact a healthcare provider immediately
 - b. Isolate the youth for 14 days and/or follow instructions from the healthcare provider
 - c. Notify Lisa Pellegrin, ED of Child Health and Camille Legins, ED of Network Development
3. Take the youth's temperature in addition to the screening questions. If temperature is 100.4 or higher follow the above steps.

Precautions During Residential stay:

1. CFTMs will take place via videoconferencing. Provide a space for the youth where they can participate that provides quiet and confidentiality.
2. Services such as group, therapy, etc., will continue to be provided to youth with appropriate safety and health precautions.
3. Sibling visits and Parent/Child visits will occur via videoconferencing unless there is a court order requiring a face to face contact. In this case, contact the FSW to consult with Legal regarding next steps for an agreed order and/or amended court order, etc. Please note: A Court Order **cannot** be violated and must be adhered to until DCS Legal advises otherwise. When visits do occur via videoconferencing, please provide a space for the youth where they can participate that provides quiet and confidentiality.
4. Home visits/passes will be suspended unless required by court order. Follow step 3 to address court orders which require home visits/passes.

Transfers:

1. The transfer of youth from one facility to another should be assessed on an individual basis to determine the best interest of all parties involved.
2. Factors to take into consideration when considering transfer:
 - a) Is youth symptomatic according the CDC guidelines?
 - b) Is the youth currently in quarantine due to being exposed to another individual who has confirmed positive case of COVID-19?
 - c) Has the youth had a confirmed fever within the last 24 hours?
3. Agreement between DCS and sending/receiving facilities to determine appropriateness of transfer taking into consideration child's need for treatment as well as need for timely permanency.

Discharges:

1. In the event of a planned discharge which has been determined by the CFT, youth will be allowed to leave campus and begin their Trial Home Placement pending below steps.
2. Screening questions outlined in step 1 of Admissions will be asked of youth as well as the receiving family.
3. If youth answers "yes" or has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, the youth will remain on campus and will be isolated. The healthcare provider will be contacted immediately, and instructions will be followed. DCS will be notified per step 2.c.
4. If family answers "yes" to either question, the youth will remain on campus until the family is cleared by a healthcare provider.