

How to screen clients upon entry to shelter or opportunity centers:

1. Take the client's temperature using a temporal thermometer.

1. Any temperature greater than 100.4 is considered a fever.
 - If a client has a temperature **above 100.0 but less than 100.4** please have them sit away from others, and retest in a few minutes.
 - If a client has temperature between 99.5 – 100.0, please note where their bunk is, and recheck them in two hours.
 - Temperatures below 99.5 may continue into the shelter using normal procedures.

2. Ask the client "Do you have a new, or worsening cough today?"

If the client has a fever **AND** answers yes to the above question; **OR** if the client a *just* a fever 101.0 or above:

- a. Place a mask on the client: this is a priority.
- b. Take them to an available space in the isolation area
- d. Tell the client:
 1. Do not to leave their room/the isolation area except to use the restroom or smoke **outside** (not in P4S).
 2. If they leave their room/isolation area they should wear a mask.
 3. Staff will bring them breakfast and check on them in the morning.
- e. If HGMPLS, notify Healthcare for the Homeless nurse is they are onsite.
- f. Notify
- g. Make sure it is communicated that there is a client in isolation during shift summary

For any client with severe symptoms call 911 and alert the EMT's to the possible COVID 19 infection.
Severe symptoms include:

- Difficulty breathing: inability to catch your breath or unable to talk
- Bluish lips or face
- Difficult to arouse

How to use a temporal thermometer:

These thermometers use an infrared scanner to measure the temperature of the temporal artery in the forehead.

Temperature screeners only, please wear: gloves, a surgical mask, and eye protection.

To use thermometer:

1. Turn on the thermometer.
2. Gently sweep the thermometer across the client's forehead.
3. Remove the thermometer and read the number (>100.4 is a fever)
4. Clean with an alcohol wipe (or isopropyl alcohol on a cotton swab) between each clients' use. You can reuse the same swab as long as it remains wet.

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What Personal Protective Equipment to wear:

Guidelines from public health experts for front-line homeless service providers states that we **DO NOT** need to wear masks: **instead we should try and maintain a 3-6 foot space between clients and each other.** However, in order to use a temporal thermometer, that 3-6 foot recommendation will need to be breached. **Therefore, for temperature screeners only, please wear: gloves, a surgical mask, and eye protection: details below.**

Eye protection:

- Goggles are reusable, do not throw away.
- Goggles should be wiped down with a Sani wipe after use so they can be used the next day.

Masks:

- We have VERY limited supply of masks, so please try and use one mask per screening shift.
- Do NOT take masks on and off. Once it is on, leave it on to complete your screening shift, and then discard into trash.
- Do NOT touch the outside of the mask or place it temporarily below your chin.
- If mask becomes soiled/dirty, discard into trash and get a new one.
- Please throw away masks after screening into the trash.

Gloves:

- Change gloves if soiled/dirty or after screening an ill client.
- Wash hands after taking off gloves.
- Discard gloves in the trash.