

Dear Anderson Families,

Below are guidelines that we have put in place so that those we serve and their families remain healthy.

Home visits are still permitted although we strongly discourage them at this time. We encourage you to find other ways to engage with your family members and put off in-person visits until another safer time. All family members must understand that if they have a home visit, the regulations and guidance may change at any time which may result in further requirements. All families must plan for this and have a plan B in the event their child has to remain home before being cleared to return to Anderson.

Our current guidelines require you and your child to be screened for signs and symptoms consistent with COVID when you come to pick up your child. During a home visit you must complete the symptom screening questions **each day** for your child and family members in the household. If you do not complete the daily log, your child will be presumed positive and will need to provide evidence of a negative test with no signs/symptoms before returning. Please review the following guidelines prior to making arrangements for a holiday visit:

1. If your child gets sick while at home, your child would need to be tested for COVID before coming back to the residence. They cannot come back until results are in:
  - If they are COVID positive they would need to quarantine at home for two weeks and return only after being 72 hour fever-free (without use of fever-reducing meds), symptoms subsiding, and with a doctor's clearance. If on day 12 of the quarantine they still have a fever, they will not be permitted back just because they quarantined for 2 weeks. Also symptoms must be subsiding. In some cases, a person may continue with upper respiratory issues, but they should be getting better not worse.
  - If they test positive with no symptoms, quarantine is still warranted.
  - If they test negative, they would still need to be fever free for 72 hours prior to return.
  - If the doctor feels it is not COVID but something else for example, a cold, a medical clearance is acceptable but your child would still need to be fever free for the past 72 hours without use of fever reducing medications and any symptoms be subsiding.
  
2. If a house goes on isolation/quarantine, our policy is to suspend visitation. If you insist on bringing your family member home, you will be required to submit proof of a negative COVID test before bringing your child back (in addition to the child being symptom free). Please be aware that the turn-

around time for test results is anywhere from 2-3 or even 5-10 days. You should plan around this for any home visit.

3. If a family member becomes symptomatic or tests positive while child is on a home visit, the child must remain home with the parent until we are given negative COVID test results and medical clearance from a doctor prior to return. Both types of documents are to be furnished to Anderson for review prior to return.
4. If the parent's home has a suspected or confirmed case at the time of the visit, our policy is to suspend visitation as per guidance from OPWDD (11/20/20). The child cannot go on a visit to a household where any member is suspected or confirmed to have COVID 19 or has been exposed in the past 14 days or displays s/s/consistent with COVID. If you insist on bringing your family member home, you will be required to submit proof of a negative COVID test before bringing your child back (in addition to the child being symptom/fever free).



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