



## Behavior TLC's Public Statement Regarding COVID-19 Safety Guidelines and Exposure Response Plan

### Current Safety Guidelines

*Behavior TLC follows all prevention and mitigation strategies as recommended by the CDC as well as local, state, and federal governments.*

- I. Entry and Exit Protocols
  - a. Staggered schedules and limited caregivers in the building
  - b. Daily Wellness Check questions and temperature checks for everyone entering the building
- II. Clinic Sanitization
  - a. All locations are professionally cleaned twice per week.
  - b. All locations are tested and treated for harmful microbes through Dis.In.Fx.
  - c. We have a designated staff person to clean all areas every day.
- III. Social Distancing
  - a. During this time, there will be no group activities including lunch and no use of the motor room.
    - i. Maximum of 11 total people on the playground at a time.
    - ii. No outdoor shared equipment will be used (balls, hula hoops, jump ropes), any equipment will be used only for 1 client each.
    - iii. Staff will continue to wear masks during outdoor time.
    - iv. Room capacities will be limited to include 1+ client where 6+ feet distance can be maintained.
  - b. All staff will limit in-person communication by using our camera system, walkie-talkies, phones, and Zoom.
  - c. All individuals will wear masks when in a room with another person.

## Positive Covid 19 Test or Exposure Response Plan

*Behavior TLC follows all current CDC guidelines in regards to individual and company-wide response plans for known or suspected COVID-19 in the facility*

### **Return to Work/Services Criteria for someone with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19**

Symptomatic individual with suspected or confirmed COVID-19:

- *Symptom-based strategy.* Exclude from work until:
  - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
  - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **and**,
  - At least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*.
  
- *Test-based strategy.* Exclude from work until:
  - Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
  - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), **and**
  - 2 Negative results of an FDA approved Covid-19 test (FDA Emergency Use Authorized COVID-19 molecular assay for detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA)
    - Tests must be from at least two consecutive respiratory specimens collected 24 hours or more apart (total of two negative specimens)
    - See [Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#). Of note, there have been reports of prolonged detection of RNA without direct correlation to viral culture.
  
- After returning to work/services, individual should:
  - Wear a facemask for source control at all times while in the facility until all symptoms are completely resolved or at baseline.
  - Self-monitor for symptoms, and seek re-evaluation from occupational health if respiratory symptoms recur or worsen.
  - Wash hands frequently throughout the day.

**Determine which employees or clients may have been exposed to the virus and may need to take additional precautions:**

- A Director will verbally contact all individuals (employee or client) with known exposure to inform them of their possible exposure.
- An email will then go out to all employees and client families to notify them of the possible exposure.
- In general Behavior TLC will follow the [Public Health Recommendations for Community-Related Exposure](#) and recommend potentially exposed employees or clients to stay home for 14 days, telework if possible, and self-monitor for [symptoms](#) or get tested.

\*\*\*Data are insufficient to precisely define the duration of time that constitutes a prolonged exposure.

Recommendations vary on the length of time of exposure but 15 min of close exposure can be used as an operational definition. In healthcare settings, it is reasonable to define a prolonged exposure as any exposure greater than a few minutes because the contact is someone who is ill. Brief interactions are less likely to result in transmission; however, symptoms and the type of interaction (e.g., did the person cough directly into the face of the individual) remain important.

## Company action if an employee is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 infection:

If it has been less than 7 days since the sick employee has been in the facility, close off any areas used for prolonged periods of time by the sick person and schedule a professional cleaning if one has not already been done. With our twice a week cleaning schedule, this should not be an issue.

Follow the CDC [cleaning and disinfection recommendations](#)

### On-Site Response to Symptomatic Individuals:

- If an individual begins exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19 while at the clinic, they must immediately be separated until they are able to leave the premises.
- Areas used by the individual exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms must be cleaned by staff as soon as possible.
- Any individual who reports or appear to be feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

# COVID-19 RESPONSE PROTOCOL

## Stage 1

### Prevention

#### No confirmed cases of COVID-19 among staff or students

- Health prevention measures are in place as recommended by the CDC
- Frequent, rigorous daily cleaning procedures
- Limited visitor access and cross-building exposure
- Monitoring of current federal and local health department guidelines and virus trends

## Stage 2

### Mitigation

#### One or more confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 in a facility

- All parties receiving or providing service in the affected facility will be notified by email
- Individuals or the guardians of individuals who have come in close contact with any person having a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be contacted by phone and advised to follow CDC health guidelines
- Affected areas will be closed for deep cleaning

## Stage 3

### Facility Closure

#### Suspected/Confirmed COVID-19 cases exceed 10% of facility occupancy

- Entire facility will close for a minimum of 48 hours
- All parties receiving or providing service in the affected facility will be notified by email
- Individuals or the guardians of individuals who have come in close contact with any person having a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be contacted by phone and advised to follow CDC health guidelines