

VNA COVID-19 Screening Policies

At VNA, patient care is our priority, and we are committed to patient and community safety and strong adherence to our infection control policies. It is also our goal to respect the health and safety of our partner facilities. The following is our screening plan for COVID-19 for VNA staff, volunteers and for our patients, derived from the CDC and CMS guidelines.

Screening Patients

VNA staff will complete the following prior to admission (referral) and before VNA staff goes out to see the patient for the first time, as well as with any existing patients (Nurses, community liaisons, social workers and chaplains can complete). Complete survey by phone prior to visiting in case additional precautions need to be taken:

- Date of Screening:
- Patient Name:
- Respiratory Symptoms in last 14 days?
- Fever in last 14 days?
- International or Out of State travel in the last 14 days?
- Contact with anyone who has COVID-19 (tested positive)?
- Spread- Have you been in a community where the virus is spreading?
- Has a COVID test been done?
- Name of staff person doing the screening:

Screening Staff

1. Health care providers (HCP) and volunteers who have signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection should not report to work.**
2. Anyone that develop signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection while on-the-job, should:
 - Immediately stop work
 - Put on a face mask
 - Self-isolate at home (for the period of time employee health will determine)
 - Inform the hospice's infection control manager/team to include information on individuals, equipment, and locations the person came in contact with.
3. All employees will self monitor:
 - Temperature twice a day, seven days a week and record
 - Record any respiratory symptoms as well
 - Employees will keep these records and provide to manager upon request

*Hospices should contact their local health department for questions, and frequently review the CDC website dedicated to COVID-19 for health care professionals: (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html).

**It is mandatory to report employee illness to your manager immediately upon detection as well as Quality.

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