

COVID-19 Guidance for Warming Shelters and Congregate Facilities

Facility Entry

1. Screening tables should be setup at the entrance of the facility. Keep in mind that there may need to be alternative lodging for individuals who fail to meet screening requirements or display symptoms.
 - a. A sneeze guard barrier should be in place, or two tables between screeners and clients.
 - b. All who enter the facility should wear a non-surgical facemask.
 - c. Temperatures should be taken prior to entry. A temperature greater than 38 degrees Celsius, or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, is a potential symptom.
 - d. Screening questions should be asked upon entry, and can include a combination of the following:
 - i. Do you have cold or flu like symptoms (cough, chills, fever, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, runny nose, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, vomit or diarrhea for more than 24hrs poor)
 - ii. Have you or have you been in close contact with anyone with symptoms in the past 14 days.
 - iii. Have you or have you been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive in the past 14 days.
 - iv. Have you or have you been in close contact with anyone who has travelled outside of Manitoba or Canada in the past 14 days.
 - v. Have you tested positive or been instructed to self-isolate in the past 14 days.
 - e. Hand washing/sanitizing stations should be setup at the entry and available throughout the facility.

2. Clients should be registered by name, address, and phone number upon entry to support any potential need for contact tracing.

Rest Areas

1. Seating areas, if space permits, should be spread out in different areas of the facility to ensure proper physical distancing.
 - a. Non surgical face masks should be worn inside the facility at all times, with exceptions for eating and drinking.
 - b. Floor markers or other identifiers indicating standing areas should placed 2 meters / 6 feet away from one another.
 - c. Seating should be 2 meters / 6 feet away from one another, and/or be separated by some form of barrier.

Meals

1. Food Distribution (if required) should be done in such a way that it ensures proper physical distancing strategies, and that can limit or lesson impacts or the spread of germs.
 - a. Distribute pre-packaged snacks, meals and beverages if possible.

- b. Takeout containers should be used for meals to limit germ spread on food.
- c. If possible, use a separate room for dining.
- d. Limit the amount of occupants in dining areas to follow current guidelines.
- e. Stagger eating in different shifts or times to help reduce gatherings of people in dining areas.
- f. Meals should be premade and readily available at a pick up station to avoid staff and client interaction.

Sleeping

1. Sleeping arrangements should be made in such a way they keep social distancing protocols, masks might not be suitable while sleeping.
 - a. Cots and or mats should be kept 2 meters / 6 feet apart to ensure social distancing.
 - b. Have separate sleeping rooms (if possible) to ensure proper social distancing.
 - c. Clients should be staggered head to foot while sleeping.
 - d. Large well-vented spaces are preferred for sleeping areas.

Cleaning

1. Create a schedule to ensure cleaning is maintained while clients are utilizing the facility.
 - a. Sanitize/disinfect frequently touched surfaces in coordination with routine cleaning.
 - b. Cleaners should wear disposable gloves while sanitizing/disinfecting and cleaning.

Supplies

1. The following supplies should be used during facility operations.
 - a. Antibacterial hand soap for bathrooms, kitchens and other hand washing stations.
 - b. Hand sanitizer that follows current health regulations.
 - c. Disposable masks for distribution to staff, volunteers and clients.
 - d. Disposable gloves for distribution to staff, volunteers and clients.
 - e. Any other relevant PPE for distribution to staff, volunteers and clients.
 - f. Cleaning and surface sanitation/disinfecting supplies.
 - g. Sneeze guards or protective barriers.
 - h. Additional tables and chairs to be used for social distancing requirements.

For additional information, please visit the following links:

Restoring Safe Services: Information for Shelters

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/industry-sectors.html#collapse12>

Shared Health COVID-19 Posters:

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/posters/>