



## RICHMOND CITY & HENRICO COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICTS

Residential facilities and group homes are at greater risk for spread of COVID-19 due to the number of individuals living with one another. **Richmond and Henrico Health Departments recommend implementing the following actions immediately.** Please refer to additional resources below and enclosed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in your facility:

- Employees should self-monitor for illness prior to work. Routinely screen both employees and residents for symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea and others.
- Ill staff should not work. If staff becomes ill while working, they should wear a mask, call the supervisor, and leave as soon as coverage is available.
- Cancel all group activities and outings.
- Encourage residents to remain separated if possible. If residents have to leave the facility, encourage them to maintain social distancing and wear a mask if tolerated and no medical contraindications.
- Restrict visitation to those necessary to directly maintain a resident's health and wellness. Visitors should be screened for symptoms prior to entry, and ill visitors not allowed into the facility. Refer to the National Council for Behavioral Health's guidelines on when to allow visitors.
- Encourage residents to continue engagement with their doctors or caregivers through telehealth services, such as via teleconference, videoconference, or phone calls.
- Perform routine cleaning and disinfection, especially of frequently touched surfaces like hand rails, doorknobs, handles, light switches, remote controls, and similar objects. The Environmental Protection Agency has an approved list of products to use for COVID-19 ([link to list on back](#)).
- Provide access to alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60-95% alcohol throughout the facility and keep sinks stocked with soap and paper towels.
- Employees should wear a facemask (or cloth face covering if a facemask is unavailable) at all times while in the facility, especially when performing activities of daily living in close contact.
- You should contact us (804-205-3501) for any of the following:
  - If COVID-19 is suspected or confirmed among residents or staff
  - If a resident or staff develops a severe respiratory infection
  - Additional questions related to COVID-19

Please refer to the **[back of this page](#)** for additional guidance and resources.

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**The National Council for Behavioral Health**

[https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NCBH\\_COVID19\\_Guidance\\_for\\_BH\\_Facilities.pdf?daf=375ateTbd56](https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NCBH_COVID19_Guidance_for_BH_Facilities.pdf?daf=375ateTbd56)

**CDC Guidance for Assisted Living**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/assisted-living.html>

**EPA Approved Cleaning Product List**

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

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