

AT A GLANCE

Congregate Living Setting Resources Toolkit

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This document provides an overview of resources for those working on COVID-19 prevention and response in congregate living settings (e.g., shelters, group homes, supportive housing).

Congregate Living Setting Resources

COVID-19 Preparedness and Prevention in Congregate Living Settings

This checklist can be used by administrators and staff members in a range of congregate living settings to help plan for, prevent and detect COVID-19.

Managing COVID-19 Outbreaks in Congregate Living Settings

This checklist can be used by congregate living setting administrators and staff members and local public health unit staff members when there is an outbreak or possible outbreak in a congregate living setting.

COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Non-Medical Masks in Congregate Living Settings

This document is intended to provide administrators and staff with information on personal protective equipment (PPE) and masks to prevent the spread of infection (source control) in congregate living settings. It provides information on what PPE staff members and residents should wear when there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in the facility and when there is not.

How to Cohort during an Outbreak of COVID-19 in a Congregate Living Setting

This fact sheet can be used by administrators and staff members in a range of congregate living settings to cohort (group) residents based on risk of COVID-19 or positive test results during an outbreak in the facility. It describes what personal protective equipment (PPE) to leave on and change when working within a cohort during a COVID-19 outbreak and when PPE is in short supply.

COVID-19: Cohorting in Outbreaks in Congregate Living Settings

This is a more detailed document on cohorting intended for public health units to use when assisting congregate living settings in establishing and working in cohorts during a COVID-19 outbreak.

[Webinar: Foundations of COVID-19 Prevention and Control for Congregate Living Settings](#)

This webinar from May 7, 2020 provides an overview of how to prepare for and prevent COVID-19 in congregate living settings. It reviews general information of the risk of COVID-19 in these settings, preparedness steps, physical distancing, and infection prevention and control principles, including the use of personal protective equipment.

[COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions for Congregate Living Settings](#)

This document provides answers to questions received from the May 2020 webinars to assist administrators and staff in congregate living settings. Additional responses will be added and revisions made as more information and resources become available.

Ministry of Health Guidance

[COVID-19 Guidance: Congregate Living for Vulnerable Populations](#)

Provides Ministry of Health guidance for administrators and staff members of congregate living settings when there is no COVID-19 in the facility, when there is a suspect case of COVID-19 and when there is an outbreak in the facility.

General Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Resources

[How to clean your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub](#)

This COVID-19 factsheet provides guidance on how to wash your hands.

[How to keep your distance](#)

This COVID-19 factsheet provides guidance on physical distancing.

[How to self-isolate](#)

This COVID-19 factsheet provides guidance on how to self-isolate.

[Infection Prevention and Control Fundamentals](#)

This document provides key resources on the fundamentals of infection prevention and control (IPAC). The videos and other learning materials can be used by staff working in any setting.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

How to put on and take off PPE videos

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/videos/ipac-fullppe-on>

This is a step-by-step demonstration of how to properly put on personal protective equipment.

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/videos/ipac-fullppe-off>

This is a step-by-step demonstration of how to properly take off personal protective equipment.

Putting on and taking off PPE (Poster)

This document contains two posters that describes the steps in putting on and taking off PPE.

Non-medical masks and face covering

This fact sheet provides tips on what masks and face coverings do and how to wear them safely.

Droplet and Contact Precautions in non-acute care facilities

This document describes how to manage residents requiring Droplet and Contact precautions including the use of personal protective equipment.

Cleaning and Disinfection

Cleaning and disinfection for public settings

This document provides guidance on cleaning and disinfection of public settings and includes information applicable to congregate living settings.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit our [website](#) or the [Ministry of Health](#). You may also email cdepr@oahpp.ca if you have any questions.

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