

YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICE

Procedure regarding Home Visits during COVID-19

Applicability: All YCS Residential Program

Procedure: Residential clients will be allowed off site visits provided that precautions are taken prior to, during and after the visit.

Process:

1. Prior to the Off Site Visit, this policy must be reviewed and signed by the parent or guardian who is taking the client on the off site visit.
2. Upon arriving outside of the YCS building for pick-up of the client, the guardian will complete the YCS Visitor Questionnaire which includes having a temperature check by staff. If the guardian has a fever, the client will not be permitted to leave with the guardian. The client will also have a temperature check prior to leaving the site. If the client has a fever, a determination will be made regarding if the client can leave with the guardian.
3. The following precautions should be taken during the visit:
 - a. Under Governor Phil Murphy executive Order No. 152, effective 6.9.20:
 - i. Indoor gatherings are limited to 25 percent of the capacity of the room, but regardless of the room's capacity, such limit shall never be less than 10 or more than 50 people;
 - ii. All attendees at the gathering must wear face coverings, unless for a medical reason or if the individual is under 2 years old;
 - iii. Individuals must remain six feet apart at all times; and
 - iv. Physical items may not be shared by multiple attendees of the same gathering unless sanitized before and after uses.
 - b. Wash hands often- with soap and water or 70% hand sanitizer solution.
4. While on the off site visit, if the client becomes ill with a fever, cough or flu-like symptoms, YCS will need for you to call and obtain a "Free and Clear of Communicable Disease" from the Primary Care Provider or local Urgent Care before the clients can return to the site.
5. Upon returning to the Program, the client will have his/her temperature taken and complete the ***Return from Visit Questionnaire***. If the client has a temperature, or shows signs of illness, the parent or guardian will need to obtain a "Free and Clear of Communicable Disease" from the Primary Care Provider or local Urgent Care **before** the client can re-enter the site.
6. Upon return to the program, the YCS client will wear a mask for 14 days while interacting with others in the program.

Note: CDC has released two online resources aimed at helping people make decisions about how to best resume some activities while continuing to follow many of the public health recommendations that can still help all of us to protect ourselves and our communities. A good general rule of thumb= The more closely you interact with others, the longer the interaction lasts and the greater the number of people involved in the interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. Understanding these risks and how to adopt different prevention measures can help you protect yourselves and others against the virus. (CDC information to the public 2020).

Your adherence to these strict guidelines will protect your child and the entire YCS family.