**JCCA Quarantine and Isolation Policy and Procedure**

*(This policy and procedure is subject to change depending on updated guidance from the CDC and/or from New York’s local, City and State Health Departments.)*

JCCA is committed to providing safe, medically appropriate, comfortable and supervised settings for youth on the Pleasantville Campus who must be quarantined or isolated as a result of confirmed exposure, symptoms and/or positive test results for the Coronavirus (aka COVID-19).

**Definitions (CDC):**

***Quarantine*** means the separation of a person or group of people reasonably believed to have been exposed to a communicable disease but not yet symptomatic, from others who have not been so exposed, to prevent the possible spread of the communicable disease.

***Isolation***means the separation of a person or group of people known or reasonably believed to be infected with a communicable disease and potentially infectious from those who are not infected to prevent spread of the communicable disease.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>

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**QUARANTINE PROCEDURES**

1. **Assessment of Need for Quarantine:**

Youth confirmed to have **“close contact”** as defined by the CDC below, with an individual who is confirmed to be positive for COVID 19 and has a designated **“high risk”** of exposure as per the CDC’s risk assessment chart below, but has no symptoms, may be separated for a period of time up to two weeks to protect others from potential exposure.

**“Close contact” is defined by the CDC as:**

1. being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time, OR
2. having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on)

**The CDC exposure risk assessment matrix is as follows**:

| **Risk Level** | **\*Travel Associated Exposure** | **Exposures Identified through Contact Investigation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **High** | * Not applicable | * Living in the same household as, being an intimate partner of, or providing care in a non-healthcare setting (such as a home) for a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection ***without using recommended precautions*** for [home care](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-home-care.html) and [home isolation](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html) |
| **Medium**  (assumes no exposures in the high-risk category) | * Travel from a country with widespread sustained transmission * Travel from a country with sustained community transmission * Travel on a cruise ship or river boat | * Close contact with a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 * On an aircraft, being seated within 6 feet (two meters) of a traveler with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection; this distance correlates approximately with 2 seats in each direction * Living in the same household as, an intimate partner of, or caring for a person in a non-healthcare setting (such as a home) to a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection ***while consistently using recommended precautions*** for [home care](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-home-care.html) and [home isolation](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html) |
| **Low**  (assumes no exposures in the high-risk category) | * Not applicable | * Being in the same indoor environment (e.g., a classroom, a hospital waiting room) as a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time (multiple hours) but not meeting the definition of close contact |
| **No identifiable risk** | * Not applicable | * Interactions with a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection that do not meet any of the high-, medium- or low-risk conditions above, such as walking by the person or being briefly in the same room |

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1. **Locations**

Youth may be placed in quarantine at one of these locations depending on usage for isolation, availability of space and length of quarantine.

1. **Cottage 24**

Capacity 8 youth, 8 private rooms

1. **Alternative cottage(s), TBD**
2. **Potential Designation of “Quarantine Cottages”**

Should an entire cottage of youth be found to have been exposed due to COVID 19 positive and symptomatic youth in the same cottage, that entire cottage may be placed under quarantine so that all youth can be monitored closely for any sign of illness. This may need to be repeated for multiple cottages.

1. **Staffing Plan**

Quarantine areas will be staffed by the Cottage Staff assigned to the youth. JCCA will work to adhere to all recommended staffing ratios.

1. **Medical Screening and Monitoring**

Cottage staff will monitor youth daily for any potential symptoms and report any changes or symptoms to nursing for immediate follow up. Nursing Staff will provide medical monitoring of youth.

1. **PPE**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be made available to all cottage staff and all medical staff who supervise or treat a resident who is quarantine based on inventory and internal guidelines. Protective equipment may include:

* Gloves
* Gowns
* Masks
* Goggles
* Staff working in quarantine locations will also have full access to antibacterial wipes, sanitizer, disinfectant and antibacterial soap.

1. **Meals**

Youth in quarantine will have individual meals delivered to their location by food services.

1. **School**

Youth will participate fully in all on line learning while in quarantine. The campus school district has provided all youth on campus with Chromebooks to facilitate distance learning.

1. **Recreation**

Youth will participate in individual activities, arts, recreation in segregated locations.

1. **Therapeutic Services and Support**

Each child’s social worker and therapist(s) will provide on-going therapeutic services and treatment via virtual contact utilizing telehealth technology and Chromebooks.

1. **Bathrooms**

All youth in quarantine will use youth designated bathrooms. Staff supervising youth in quarantine will use a “staff only” bathroom.

1. **Cleaning**

All areas of quarantine will be cleaned and disinfected daily. Bathroom areas for youth in quarantine will be cleaned and disinfected twice daily.

1. **Duration of Quarantine**

Youth will remain in quarantine for periods of time based on updated CDC medical guidelines.

1. **Documentation**

A quarantine log will be maintained to document services, support, treatment and activities and family contacts and will be maintained in systems of record. Furthermore, screening tools and forms, as well as documentation of medical monitoring will also be maintained in agency systems according to policy and procedure.

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**ISOLATION PROCEDURES**

1. **Assessment of Need for Isolation:**

Youth strongly suspected of COVID19 exposure who are exhibiting symptoms including fever, cough, breathing difficulties, aches, diarrhea, digestive discomfort as determined by medical staff or any youth who has tested positive for COVID19 will be placed in isolation.

1. **Locations** 
   1. **Primary Location**: Cottage 24

Capacity: 8 youth, 8 private rooms

* 1. **Potential Designation of “Isolation Cottages”**

Should demand for isolation exceed capacity, staff may need to consolidate cottages and move youth into other cottages designated specifically for youth who are ill. Other youth who are not ill would be moved into alternative “well” cottages. The specific cottages will be designated at the needed time based on number of ill youth as well as the census and dynamics of potential cottages.

* 1. **Alternative Locations**

Should demand for isolation and/or high numbers of staff outages make it impossible for JCCA to safely and comprehensively provide care and support for ill children on campus, JCCA will work with ACS and /or OCFS to relocate ill children requiring isolation to other provider locations throughout the system. ACS and OCFS are closely monitoring residential campuses to prepare for possible, future challenges.

1. **Medical Care**

Nursing Staff will provide medical monitoring of all youth in isolation. Nursing staff will also train and orient all Cottage Staff providing supervision to youth in isolation. Should youth experience significant medical distress, EMS will be called.

1. **Staffing Plan**

Isolation areas will be staffed by the Cottage Staff assigned to the youth. JCCA will work to adhere to the recommended staffing ratios.

1. **PPE**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be made available to all medical and program staff who supervise and/or treat a resident who is isolated based on inventory and internal guidelines. Protective equipment may include:

* Gloves
* Gowns
* Masks
* Goggles
* Staff working in isolation locations will also have full access to antibacterial wipes, sanitizer, disinfectant and antibacterial soap.

1. **Meals**

Youth in isolation will have individual meals delivered to their location by food services.

1. **School**

For youth who are well enough, tablet and on line learning will proceed while in isolation. The campus school district has provided all youth on campus with Chromebooks to facilitate distance learning.

1. **Recreation**

Youth who are well enough will participate in individual activities, arts, recreation in segregated locations.

1. **Therapeutic Services and Support**

Each child’s social worker and therapist(s) will provide on-going therapeutic services and treatment via virtual contact utilizing telehealth technology and Chromebooks.

1. **Bathrooms**

All youth in isolation will used youth designated bathroom that will not be used by staff. Staff supervising youth in isolation will use a “staff only” bathroom.

1. **Cleaning**

All areas of isolation will be cleaned and disinfected daily. Bathrooms for youth in isolation will be cleaned and disinfected twice daily.

1. **Duration of Isolation**

Youth who are suspected to be COVID 19 positive and are displaying symptoms, will be placed in isolation pending confirmation of COVID 19 and/or for a period of two weeks during which the youth is entirely symptom free, or for an alternative time period based on updated CDC guidelines.

1. **Documentation**

Medical services, evaluation, treatment, testing and monitoring will be provided based on medical standards of care and specific COVID-19 medical guidance and fully documented in all systems of record and according to policy and procedure. In addition, an isolation log will also be maintained to document services, support, treatment and activities and family contacts and will also be maintained in systems of record.

**References and sources**:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>

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