**[AFH Name]**

**Infection Prevention & Control Policy**

[AFH Name] will practice nationally recognized infection control guidelines to prevent the spread of infection and disease and will orient and train all staff to adhere to these policies.

1. Handwashing: Staff will wash hands frequently, and specifically:

* Upon arrival to the facility at start of shift and before leaving facility
* Before and after administering medications
* After removing gloves
* After using the bathroom
* Before preparing or handling or eating food
* Before handling dishes
* After handling soiled laundry or bedding
* After performing household cleaning tasks
* After handling garbage
* Before and after assisting residents with personal hygiene tasks
* After coming into contact with any soiled substances, surfaces, or body fluids
* Staff will assist residents to wash their hands after each of these activities as well.
* When washing hands, a 20 second hot water method at the sink will be used. When hand washing is not possible, an alcohol-based sanitizer will be used.

1. Sharps: Staff will dispose of razor blades, syringes, and other sharp items into appropriate sharps container which will be disposed of in a secured sharps receptacle and delivered to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hazardous waste disposal facility bin at the Recycling and disposal station, or the container will be returned to the pharmacy it was purchased from for disposal.

1. PPE: Staff will use all disposable and single-service supplies and equipment (Personal Protective Equipment such as gloves, masks, eye goggles, gowns, face shields) only one time as specified by the manufacturer, unless due to nationwide shortages, and if in effect, staff will use the most appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) conservations strategies available at the time. Staff will utilize PPE in accordance with CDC and [local health jurisdiction] guidelines for confirmed or suspected cases of SARS-Covid-19.
2. In accordance with DOH requirements, [AFH Name] will follow current [local health jurisdiction] and [CDC Community Setting Guidance](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fscience%2Fcommunity-levels.html) for confirmed or suspected cases of SARS-Covid- 19.
   1. Isolate for 5 days after positive test or onset of symptoms.
   2. N-95 masking for 10 days following exposure, positive test, or onset of symptoms.
   3. Staff will utilize PPE in accordance with CDC and [local health jurisdiction] guidelines.
   4. Follow reporting requirements per [WAC 388-76-10225](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76-10225)

1. Body fluid precautions will be observed to protect both residents and staff.
2. Soiled laundry will be kept in a closed container/hamper while being moved from residents’ rooms to the laundry room.
3. Staff will follow the requirements of chapter 49.17 RCW, Washington State Industrial Safety and Health Act to protect the health and safety of each resident and employee.
4. Staff will be vigorously encouraged to practice good self-care, including annual flu-shots. Proper technique for coughing into elbow crook will be emphasized and taught and staff will be instructed to remain home from work if ill with a confirmed or suspected infectious disease or illness. During outbreaks of Flu or Pandemics, all staff will mask during all work hours.
5. If the adult family home staff suspects anyone working or living in the home may have a communicable disease, provider will be notified and nationally recognized infection control measures will be implemented, including:

* Hand washing and body fluid precautions
* Infection control standards for contact, droplet and airborne precautions
* Procedures for isolation of the person and disinfection of equipment and environment.
* Quarantine of contacts (if needed)
* Prophylaxis of exposed individuals as ordered by their physician, if necessary
* Control of vectors of infection
* Seeking medical care for infected or exposed individuals as appropriate
* Notification to public health department and DSHS as required.

1. All staff will be tested for TB within 3 days of employment.

During Times of Pandemic, [AFH Name] will follow DSHS, CDC, DOH and governmental mandates regarding:

* + Visitation and outings
  + Isolation, testing, and separation of residents
  + Surveillance of staff, visitors and residents
  + Reporting of symptoms and confirmed illness or deaths

Please see [AFH name] Vaccination and/or Continued Masking Addendums attached.

Link to COVID 19 community levels (for community guidance): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Link to Community transmission levels: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=Risk>

CDC interventions that apply to all community settings (AFH, ALF, ESF, CCRSS) and ICF/IID: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Outbreak definition (current as of Feb 2023): <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-09/InterimCOVID-HCOutbreak.pdf?uid=642f08a2a840d>

L&I Respirator Program template: [RespiratorProgramTemplateCOVID19.docx (live.com)](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Flni.wa.gov%2Fsafety-health%2F_docs%2Fcovid%2FRespiratorProgramTemplateCOVID19.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)

Corrected email contact for Fit Testing team: [HAI-FitTest@doh.wa.gov](mailto:HAI-FitTest@doh.wa.gov)