

Guidance for Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) COVID-19 Screening/Notice

The following guidance is based on Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommendations for prevention of the spread of novel coronavirus of 2019 disease (COVID-19), and the management of Persons Under Investigation (PUI). Specific additional guidance for stakeholders is included below.

Please make this screening immediately part of any protocol where face-to-face contact with an older/vulnerable adult will occur. This guidance is not intended to address every potential scenario that may arise as this event evolves. The IDoA encourages you to also monitor your Local Health Department, IDPH and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and keep in close contact with each stakeholder partner who has been instructed to immediately elevate priority issues of concern.

A. Guidance for screening those potentially impacted by the COVID-19

When preparing for face-to-face contact, be sure to ask all appropriate staff, providers or applicable family members the five (5) questions outlined on the *COVID – 19 Screening Questionnaire*. Below are some additional considerations on the questions.

1. For a better definition of locations affected for responses to Questions 1 and 2, [a Level 2 or 3 travel designation](#) is defined within this link from the CDC.
 2. For a better definition of close contact with persons who have traveled to those locations, this link from the CDC will help—[Persons Under Investigation \(PUIs\) for COVID-19](#).
- If the person screened responds “Yes” to any of the questions and/or reports having symptoms, see the following:
 - Instruct the person screened to remain at home and contact their medical provider immediately. Alternatively, if appropriate, the person screened may be referred to the nearest emergency room for immediate attention.
 - In all circumstances above, please instruct the person screened to notify their medical provider of potential concern for COVID-19.

Additionally, screening protocols should also be implemented for staff. Even if the protocols of outside entities do not meet these standards of IDoA guidance, families and providers should take responsibility for screening anyone they have face-to-face contact with.

As a reminder, all staff/providers should follow the CDC guidelines for infection control basics including hand hygiene.

- [Infection Control Basics](#)
- [Hand Hygiene in Health Care Settings](#)
- [Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives](#)

For additional guidance or questions, please contact the Senior Help Line: 1-800-252-8966.