How to screen clients upon entry to shelter or opportunity centers:

1. Take the client’s temperature using a temporal thermometer.
   - Any temperature greater than 100.4 is considered a fever.
   - If a client has a temperature above 100.0 but less than 100.4 please have them sit away from others, and retest in a few minutes.
   - If a client has temperature between 99.5 – 100.0, please note where their bunk is, and recheck them in two hours.
   - Temperatures below 99.5 may continue into the shelter using normal procedures.

2. Ask the client “Do you have a new, or worsening cough today?"

   If the client has a fever AND answers yes to the above question; OR if the client a just a fever 101.0 or above:
   a. Place a mask on the client: this is a priority.
   b. Take them to an available space in the isolation area
   d. Tell the client:
      1. Do not to leave their room/the isolation area except to use the restroom or smoke outside (not in P4S).
      2. If they leave their room/isolation area they should wear a mask.
      3. Staff will bring them breakfast and check on them in the morning.
   e. If HGMPLS, notify Healthcare for the Homeless nurse is they are onsite.
   f. Notify
   g. Make sure it is communicated that there is a client in isolation during shift summary

   *For any client with severe symptoms call 911 and alert the EMT’s to the possible COVID 19 infection.*

   Severe symptoms include:
   - Difficulty breathing: inability to catch your breath or unable to talk
   - Bluish lips or face
   - Difficult to arouse

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How to use a temporal thermometer:

These thermometers use an infrared scanner to measure the temperature of the temporal artery in the forehead.

Temperature screeners only, please wear: gloves, a surgical mask, and eye protection.

To use thermometer:

1. Turn on the thermometer.
2. Gently sweep the thermometer across the client’s forehead.
3. Remove the thermometer and read the number (>100.4 is a fever)
4. Clean with an alcohol wipe (or isopropyl alcohol on a cotton swab) between each clients’ use. You can reuse the same swab as long as it remains wet.
What Personal Protective Equipment to wear:

Guidelines from public health experts for front-line homeless service providers states that we **DO NOT** need to wear masks: **instead we should try and maintain a 3-6 foot space between clients and each other.** However, in order to use a temporal thermometer, that 3-6 foot recommendation will need to be breached. **Therefore, for temperature screeners only, please wear: gloves, a surgical mask, and eye protection: details below.**

Eye protection:

- Goggles are reusable, do not throw away.
- Goggles should be wiped down with a Sani wipe after use so they can be used the next day.

Masks:

- We have VERY limited supply of masks, so please try and use **one** mask per screening shift.
- Do **NOT** take masks on and off. Once it is on, leave it on to complete your screening shift, and then discard into trash.
- Do **NOT** touch the outside of the mask or place it temporarily below your chin.
- If mask becomes soiled/dirty, discard into trash and get a new one.
- Please throw away masks after screening into the trash.

Gloves:

- Change gloves if soiled/dirty or after screening an ill client.
- Wash hands after taking off gloves.
- Discard gloves in the trash.