



Charles River Center Day Services Revised: 1-12-22

Re: **Screening Requirements at CRC's Day Services**

As we are seeing an increase in COVID cases, we would like to remind all parties of the procedures in place to maintain the health and safety of our members and staff. We need your help to ensure the procedures are followed to minimize the risk to those we support and those we employ.

Staff members are required, and program members as tolerated, to wear a mask and social distance as much as possible. Frequent hand washing and regular disinfecting of high touch surfaces continue in order to help further reduce the possibility of spreading the COVID-19 Virus. The movement around our service locations should be limited for both members and staff to reduce interactions with large groups.

We continue to need your help to ensure safe operation and the continuation of services, as follows:

- All members must be fully screened prior to leaving home in the morning. Ensure that members do not have a temperature or any other symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms may include difficulty breathing, cough, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle aches/pain, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, unexplained rash, headache, fatigue, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.
- Members may not come to day service if they are **COVID positive or have symptoms**, if a household member has symptoms or is COVID positive, if they have had close contact with a COVID positive person in the **past 10 days**, or if they are awaiting test results of a COVID-19 test.
- Members may **only** return after **5 days** in very specific circumstances. All others will be allowed to return after **10 days**. ***Please see Day Services Guidelines below for specifics***.
 - Note: **If any member displays symptoms in those 10 days**, please consult with the Director of Health Services for further instruction.

Visitors should be limited to those providing direct support to our members. All other visit requests need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Program Director.



DAY SERVICES GUIDELINES

NOTE: Any individual who attends one of CRC's Day Service Centers and are considered a direct contact to a COVID-19 positive person, **MAY NOT ATTEND** their program for **At least 10 DAYS** unless exceptions met as listed below:

May return before Day 11:

The following individuals may return to Day Services after Day 5, and before Day 11, **ONLY if all** of the following criteria is met:

1. **If an individual is vaccinated.**
2. **If an individual is asymptomatic.**
3. **If the exposure involved a positive staff member or other close contact (very rare) who was wearing a mask.**
4. **If the individual is able to wear a mask at all times at his/her Day Services location. (Except when eating).**

May Not Return before Day 11:

Any individual who attends one of CRC's Day Service Centers and are considered a direct contact to a COVID-19 positive person, **MAY NOT ATTEND** their program for **at least 10 DAYS** if:

1. **The individual is unvaccinated.**
2. **The individual was exposed to another positive individual or someone they live with, regardless of vaccination status**
3. **The individual cannot tolerate wearing a mask at all times at his/her Day Services location.**

We will also continue to take members temperature and screen members as they arrive to the day service and monitor for symptoms of COVID19. If a member presents with a temperature or symptoms that person will be turned away and sent home. If a member develops symptoms during the day, they will need to isolate in our isolation room, then be picked up immediately. In that regard, please ensure that we have the most up to date emergency contact information and please be aware that it will be more important than ever to have folks picked up immediately when sick.



Please immediately report potential exposures to the Director of Health Services and Day Services Management. We will require information regarding the exposure including date of contact, test date, symptoms, etc. The member will be required to stay home as we work through these questions and then the Day Service Management or Director of Health Services will let you know when it is safe for the member to return.

You can find more information on the Department of Public Health (<https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>) and Centers for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) websites. Please access this important information and if you need assistance, please let the program managers know.

Thank you for assisting us in maintaining a safe & healthy environment in our Day Services at Charles River Center!

Sincerely,

Michelle Soble RN,
Director Of Health Services