

<p style="text-align: center;">WA State DOH TWH Recommendations March 23, 2020</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Worker Advocates' Letter to Governor Inslee March 19, 2020</p>
<p><b>“Required” (although not rules, just recommendations):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate workers about COVID risks</li> <li>• Wash hands (before enter housing, before meals, after being outside, prior to leaving for work)</li> <li>• Ensure adequate supplies of soap, hand sanitizer, tissues “readily available”</li> <li>• Daily checks of employees “when arrive” and look for and ask about COVID symptoms</li> <li>• Incorporate social distancing during meals/free time</li> <li>• If you have a single room, assign sick workers to one side of room and non-sick workers to the other side</li> <li>• Discourage visitation at facility - offer alternative (skype, etc.) if available</li> </ul>	<p><b>Requested:</b> DOH shall add additional COVID-19 plans prior to the issuance of any license. See the CDC COVID-19 Preparedness Checklist for Nursing Homes and other Long-Term Care Settings for guidance on steps to sanitize living facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide separate living facilities for workers that are over 60 or have underlying health conditions and have these workers work within 6 feet of other workers.</li> <li>• Designated quarantine sleeping areas with separate cooking and bathing facilities for quarantined workers.</li> <li>• Proof of sufficient sanitizing and handwashing supplies.</li> <li>• Proof of sufficient masks for all quarantined workers who develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.</li> <li>• Designate a specific individual responsible for ensuring workers comply with health and sanitation requirements.</li> <li>• Designate a specific individual to receive reports from workers who may have COVID-19 symptoms and be able to coordinate and transport such workers to obtain medical services.</li> <li>• Designate a specific individual whose sole responsibility is to care for quarantined workers and ensure they have sufficient food, that the quarantine is enforced, and that transportation to medical care is provided.</li> </ul>

**Suggested:**

- 6 feet distances, when feasible
- DOH recommends that, while sleeping, if feasible, have them sleep head to toe and 6 feet between beds
- Frequently clean high contact surfaces - doorknobs/tables/furniture/shared bathrooms/countertops
- Encourage reporting of illnesses
- If symptoms, ask to self-isolate, notify supervisor, “go home” for 7 days after onset or 72 hours after symptoms resolve
- If employer wants more guidance, call local health department or COVID hotline

**Adopted:**