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To: All MYEP Employees
Subject: A Covid Protocol Updates- Staff Responses and Service Provision

Hello-

As the Omicron variant spreads, Covid cases are rising at a rapid speed. Based upon this, as well as the newly released CDC guidance and recommendations for Covid exposures and infections, we have reviewed and updated response protocols to try and mitigate the blows Covid can bring.

Attached you will find the most updated response protocols for staff members who have been exposed and/or infected with the Covid-19 virus. I have also saved the updated information on the network: <M:\Public\MYEP Coronavirus Information Folder\guidelines and protocols>

In addition to the updated response measures, MYEP will immediately begin the enforcement of the following protocols:

1. Mask wearing:

- a. All employees providing direct care must wear:
 - i. Double mask(s):
 1. Layer #1= medical masks
 2. Layer #2-= cloth mask
- b. If medical masks are needed, please let Lindsey know and she can arrange for them to be brought to the houses

2. Visitors:

- a. ALL visitors to MYEP properties, which includes residential homes, admin buildings and day program, **MUST** wear masks
 - i. Visitors who are in a person's served home are asked to wear masks while in common areas of the home, but can remove their mask while in the person's served bedroom with the door closed

3. Mask wearing for persons served:

- a. Persons served should be strongly encouraged to wear masks while in public
- b. Persons served should wear masks while visiting friends within other homes or service environments

Office and meeting protocols will be sent out in another email (shortly) outlining mitigation measures that will be taken over the course of the next 2 weeks.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Quarantine Protocols for Covid Exposed or Covid Infected Employees: UPDATED 1.3.22

Definitions:

Boosted: Employees are considered ‘boosted’ if they have received all Covid-19 vaccine doses, including a booster dose, as recommended by the CDC

Vaccinated or Unvaccinated: Employees are considered ‘vaccinated’ or ‘unvaccinated’ if they have NOT received all Covid-19 vaccine doses, *including a booster dose*, as recommended by the CDC

Work Restrictions for Employees with Covid Infection:

Vaccination Status	Conventional Response	Contingency	Crisis
Boosted, Vaccinated, or Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 days or quarantine OR 7 days of quarantine with negative test* (if asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic (with improving symptoms)) 	5 days with/without negative test, if asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic (with improving symptoms)	No work restriction, with prioritization considerations (i.e., asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic)

Work Restrictions for Asymptomatic Staff with Exposure

Vaccination Status	Conventional Response	Contingency	Crisis
Boosted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In General, no work restrictions, with negative test on days 2** and 5-7 Work restrictions may be implemented based upon workplace assignment/risk 	No work restrictions	No work restrictions
Vaccinated or Unvaccinated, even if within 90 days of prior infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 days OR 7 days with negative test 	No work restrictions with negative tests on days 1**, 2, 3, & 5-7	No work restrictions, test if possible

*Negative test result within 48 hours before returning to work

**For calculating day of test: 1) for those with infection consider day of symptom onset (or first positive test if asymptomatic) as day 0; 2) for those with exposure consider day of exposure as day 0

***All staff who have been exposed and/or have been infected and returning to work prior to recommended quarantine period MUST wear level II PPE (N-95 + face shield) for the entire 10-day infection/exposed period