

WAC 246-358-175 Disease prevention and control. The operator shall:

(1) Cooperate with the local health jurisdiction and department of health in the investigation and control of cases, suspected cases, outbreaks, and suspected outbreaks of communicable diseases or notifiable conditions.

(2) Report immediately to the local health jurisdiction the name and address of any occupant or occupants known to have or suspected of having:

(a) Any communicable diseases made notifiable by emergency rule or emergency declaration;

(b) An outbreak of foodborne or waterborne illness; or

(c) Any occurrence of the following symptoms in two or more occupants:

(i) Fever, diarrhea, sore throat, vomiting, or jaundice; or

(ii) Coughing up blood or a cough lasting three weeks or longer.

(3) Implement infection control measures as directed by the local health jurisdiction for care of occupants who have been exposed to other occupants with a suspected or positive case of a communicable disease.

(4) Conspicuously post information regarding the operator's health and safety policies, how to identify symptoms of communicable diseases, to whom to report to if not feeling well, and where and how to secure medical treatment. All information shall be posted in a language commonly understood by the occupants.

(5) Allow entry of community health workers and community-based outreach workers to provide additional education to occupants about public health, safety, and worker's rights provided that the community health worker or community outreach worker:

(a) Contacts the operator before visiting the TWH site to arrange a designated time and place;

(b) Checks in with designated TWH staff at the agreed upon time and location; and

(c) Wears appropriate personal protective equipment and completes a health screening as directed by the local health jurisdiction.

(6) Prohibit any individual with a communicable disease from preparing, cooking, serving, or handling food, foodstuffs, or materials in dining halls or cooking facilities for individuals who do not have a communicable disease.

(7) Develop and follow a communicable disease prevention and response plan that includes:

(a) A process to screen occupants for symptoms of communicable diseases when needed, using symptom lists specified by the local health jurisdiction or department of health;

(b) Providing "no touch" or "no contact" thermometers for occupants to use as specified by the local health jurisdiction or department of health. Any worker with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher is considered to have a fever;

(c) Contacting the local health jurisdiction immediately as required under subsection (2) of this section and facilitating transportation for any medical evaluation or treatment at no cost to the occupant. If the transportation is not provided by an ambulance service or other transportation service, the operator shall provide personal protective equipment to individuals providing transportation;

(d) When directed by the local health jurisdiction or department of health to quarantine or isolate an occupant to prevent the spread

of a communicable disease, the plan must include attestation of the following:

(i) Provide access for occupants to telephone service to summon emergency care if the occupant does not already possess a personal phone service;

(ii) Provide occupants with information about paid leave and workers compensation;

(iii) Permit access to medical professionals who offer health care services as directed by the local health jurisdiction; and

(iv) Provide, at no cost to the occupant, food and water for occupants in isolation or quarantine; and

(8) Provide:

(a) Training for persons responsible to execute the communicable disease prevention and response plan when the plan is updated, or at least annually, if the plan is not updated every year. Information and training must be provided in a manner and language readily understood by the person responsible to execute the plan; and

(b) Documentation of training records must include the name of the person trained and the date that the training occurred. Documentation must be available for review upon request by the state agency representatives.

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