

Housing Recommendations for Colleges, Universities, Shelters and other Congregate Settings, 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Background: PA DOH is sharing the following information on housing recommendations for individuals and groups who need to be quarantined for 14 days after their last potential exposure (as per Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Exposure in Travel-associated or Community Settings). Each individual within a group will have different antecedent exposure risks. They should not be housed together in congregate settings, where an individual who becomes symptomatic could expose the other travelers also in quarantine.

Housing recommendations:

- 1) Separate quarters with separate bathroom facilities for each individual or family group are preferred.
 - a. Cleaning supplies, e.g. household cleaning wipes, must be provided in any shared bathroom.
- 2) Food should be delivered to the individual quarters. No congregation for social or dining activities.
- 3) Overhead announcements and group SMS should be used instead of physical gatherings to share information.
- 4) Quarters should have a supply of face masks for individuals to put on if they become symptomatic.
- 5) Other support services (e.g. laundry, prescription medication refills, telephone/wifi/communication capability) will need to be provided.
- 6) Garbage should be bagged and left outside by the door of each of the quarters for routine pick up. Special handling is not required.
- 7) Each residential space and all common areas for staff members must have supplies of alcohol-based hand rubs, as well as sinks with soap and water, and paper towels.
- 8) A written plan must be in place, and be communicated to quarantined individuals, as to the steps they must take if symptoms arise.

Adapted from CDC guidance and applies only to medium risk. Please call 1-877-PA-HEALTH for high risk housing recommendations.