

HOME AND COMMUNITY VISIT PRECAUTIONS / GUIDELINES

Current as of 3/19/2020, 9:00am

Below are pre-visit screening and preventative measures you should take when conducting a home visit.

Call individual to be served prior to visit to inquire about health status.

1. Has the individual to be served had close contact with someone with lab-confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

YES _____ No _____

2. Has the victim traveled outside of the country in the last 14 days?

YES _____ No _____

3. Does the victim currently have any of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, or shortness of breath?

YES _____ No _____

4. Has the victim been tested for COVID-19 and received a lab-confirmed positive result for COVID-19?

YES _____ No _____

5. Has the victim had any known contact with someone who is exhibiting symptoms (fever of 100.4, shortness of breath or persistent cough), or who has tested positive for COVID-19?

YES _____ No _____

Assess appropriateness of continuing with visit:

If the **individual** to be served **answers NO to all** of the above questions, the home visit can proceed. The home visitor should observe the following precautions:

- Do not shake hands or have physical contact; avoid close contact (i.e., more than 6 feet).
- Do not accept food or drinks.
- Limit your contact to surfaces of the home.
- When completing paperwork, utilize a clip board and your own pen and not surfaces of the home (i.e., table, countertop).
- Clean your cell phone and/or computer after the visit if you utilized either in the home, with disinfectant wipes
- Utilize hand sanitizer after the home visit and wash your hands with soap as soon as is practical.

If the **individual** to be served **answers YES to any** of the above questions, they should be directed to call their local public Health Department or ND Department of Health for further guidance. Home visitor should report outcome of the survey to your supervisor and ensure that follow up contact with the individual to be served is scheduled.

For additional information: Preventing the Spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Homes and Residential Communities <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>

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