



COVID – 19 Intake Policy

Safety procedures for new intake into the Engedi Refuge residential program

Prior to arrival to Engedi

- In the beginning conversations prior to resident coming into the program ask the referring agency to get the resident tested for COVID. If there is a negative result we will proceed with intake process. Referring agency will go over the details of the traveling requirements ie. Masks etc. while traveling. If there is a positive result, the resident will need to stay with referring agency till the resident is well. Then we can proceed.

After arrival to Engedi

- Each new resident will go to the drive thru COVID testing at Rite Aid in Lynden.
- If there is a negative result, resident may come to the LC for classes.
- If resident tests positive, we will get her a dr. appt and resident will be on quarantine at the safe house. While waiting for results resident must adhere to quarantining restrictions. Results may take 2 to 7 days to get back.
- Resident will wear a mask at all times while downstairs in the house (*resident may take off her mask while resident eats at the dining room table*)
- Resident will use extra precautions while in the kitchen and common areas, keeping a reasonable distance from other housemates as much as possible, wiping down surfaces in the kitchen after preparing something. Resident will use gloves while doing any food prep in the kitchen.
- Resident will use the downstairs bathroom and shower
- Resident will be cleared to come to the LC after resident is well – 10 days since symptoms first appeared, 24 hrs with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.