



# YAKIMA HEALTH DISTRICT

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## Follow-Up from COVID-19 Consultation Visit

Site Visit- 5/8/2020

Allan Bro's,

Thank you for participating in our COVID-19 consultation program. We hope that our visit and recommendations lead to some success in being prepared and able to prevent COVID-19 in your facility. Below are a list of recommendations and resources we feel could benefit Allan Bro's.

Recommendations:

- Distribute facemasks to all employees and put out educational material on how to properly wear facemasks to make them the most effective. If not enough masks are available, encourage employees to obtain reusable masks and launder them regularly.
- Utilize one employee to clock in/clock out for all of the employees to reduce the amount of people touching the contact surface.
- Add the question, "Is anyone in your household currently sick?" to the list of questions that are asked. Ask the Phoenix employees to speak louder and clearer when asking the questions to the employees.
- Install more physical barriers between employees where possible.
- Utilize employees to be sanitizing contact surfaces where employees are taking breaks and lunches, while employees are present to show employees that cleaning measures are in place, not just when they are not present.

Based on what we saw the prevention measures you have in place are meeting guidelines. The above recommendations are more things you can do to help stop the spread further. Again, thank you for your participation.

I also wanted to clarify the isolation and quarantine guidelines for you. If you have an employee test positive for COVID, they must ISOLATE for 10 days from the time their symptoms start **OR** 72 hours after their symptoms resolve, **whichever is longer**. It is my understanding that you were having staff isolate for 14 days and that is not needed.

If you have an employee that was exposed to a close contact that is COVID positive, the employee must QUARANTINE for 14 days. COVID can take up to 14 days to show symptoms which is why the longer



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period. If the employee becomes ill during that 14 days, they should get tested and start their 10 days of ISOLATION if positive.

I hope that all makes sense. Isolation is for those that are sick, quarantine is exposed but not sick.

## Resource for Masks:

Darren Uceny

Go USA

509-691-5997

[darrenu@gousaquality.com](mailto:darrenu@gousaquality.com)

or

submit a resource request to the Emergency Ops Center to the email address

Resource Support Section Chief [EOCRSSC@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:EOCRSSC@co.yakima.wa.us)

Again, thank you for taking the time to show our staff your process and provide guidance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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