

Shelter screening protocol

The following is a simple screening tool developed by the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) that can be used to identify people with symptoms that indicate they might have a respiratory infection. Although not every person who has symptoms of a respiratory infection will have coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), using this tool may help identify those more likely to have COVID-19 from others and help eliminate or reduce the risk that someone with COVID-19 will enter the shelter and infect others.

These questions should be asked daily of clients, staff and volunteers prior to entering the shelter:

- Have you felt like you had a fever in the past day?
- Do you have a new or a worsening cough today?

IF a client answers yes to one or both questions:

- Provide a facemask for the client to wear over their nose and mouth.
- Direct the client to an isolation room or other designated space where clients can be set-apart from others; instruct client not to leave the room or space except to use the restroom.
- Notify staff that have been designated to triage these residents.

IF a staff or volunteer answers yes to one or both questions:

- Inform them to go home and to notify their health care provider.

Social distancing and use of PPE

- Staff should maintain a distance of at least 6 feet when doing this screening. This could be accomplished by placing a barrier between the staff doing the screening and those being screened.
- PPE for staff should include a facemask, a face shield or goggles, and gloves; a gown is not required.