Shelter Screening Tool
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First, ask these questions daily of clients prior to entering the shelter:

- Do you have any of the following symptoms?
  - Fever or chills
  - New or worsening cough
  - New or worsening shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days?
- In the last 14 days, have you been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19?
- Are you waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test?

If the client responds ‘Yes’ to one or more of the above:

- Provide a facemask to 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.
- Refer the client for COVID-19 testing in accordance with the attached COVID-19 workflow.

Next, for those clients responding ‘No’ to all of the above questions, ask these questions:

- Are you age 60 or older?
- Have you ever been told by a healthcare provider that you are severely overweight?
- Are you pregnant?
- Do you have one or more of the following conditions:
  - Cancer
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
  - Weakened immune system from an organ transplant, immune deficiencies, or HIV
  - Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
  - Sickle cell disease
  - Type 2 diabetes

If the CLIENT is age 60 or older or has one or more of the above conditions:

- Refer client to a Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) in accordance with the attached COVID-19 workflow.
Additional instructions for use of this tool:

- 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 and a face shield or goggles; gowns or gloves are not required.
- If a client is showing any of the following severe signs, call 911 immediately:
  - Trouble breathing
  - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
  - New confusion
  - Inability to wake or stay awake
  - Bluish lips or face