

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Taking of Temperature



Audience: Guidance for Taking Temperature of Colleagues

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Taking of temperature daily, or multiple times daily is not recommended for colleagues who have not been directly exposed to a PUI or confirmed case of COVID-19. The only time temperature is needed is if the colleague has experienced a possible exposure to PUI or COVID-19, e.g. without wearing personal protective equipment, or if they work at a ministry that care for those at high risk of severe COVID-19 (e.g. adults > 65 yrs in a skilled nursing center). This will usually be collected prior to starting a colleague's shift.

Daily temperatures should only be taken in the following situations:

- Local or State health department requires it
- A healthcare worker has possible exposure (follow CDC guidelines or System post exposure management)
- CMS requirements for long-term care and senior facilities

Long-Term Care and CMS Guidance on Taking Temperatures

All visitors entering a long-term care facility will be screened prior to their entrance. No visitors will be permitted if they show signs of respiratory infection (fever, cough or sore throat), have been in contact with someone with or under investigation for the COVID-19.

All residents and staff will be screened daily for fever and respiratory symptoms. All staff will be screened at the beginning of each shift. Any ill staff members identified will be immediately sent home to seek care and self-isolate.