



Imagine Supported Living Services

COVID-19 Prevention Procedures (CPP) for Imagine SLS – Effective through January 2025

This CPP is designed to control employees' exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) that causes COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) that may occur in our workplace.

Authority and Responsibility

The Imagine SLS Executive Director and Assistant Director of Human Resources have overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the procedures in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies, and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

Application of the Imagine SLS Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)

COVID-19 is a recognized hazard in our workplace that is addressed through our IIPP, which will be effectively implemented and maintained to ensure the following:

1. When determining measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission and identifying and correcting COVID-19 hazards in our workplace:
 - a. All persons in our workplace are treated as potentially infectious, regardless of symptoms, vaccination status, or negative COVID-19 test results.
 - b. COVID-19 is treated as an airborne infectious disease. Applicable State of California and **Santa Cruz County Healthy Services Agency** orders and guidance will be reviewed when determining measures to prevent transmission and identifying and correcting COVID-19 hazards. COVID-19 prevention controls include:
 - i. Remote work.
 - ii. Physical distancing.
 - iii. Reducing population density indoors.
 - iv. Moving indoor tasks outside.
 - v. Implementing separate shifts and/or break times.
 - vi. Restricting access to work areas.
2. Training and instruction on COVID-19 prevention is provided:
 - a. When this CPP was first established.

- b. To new employees.
 - c. To employees given a new job assignment involving COVID-19 hazards and they have not been previously trained.
 - d. Whenever new COVID-19 hazards are introduced.
 - e. When we are made aware of new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.
 - f. For supervisors to familiarize themselves with the COVID-19 hazards to which employees under their immediate direction and control may be exposed.
3. Procedures to investigate COVID-19 illnesses at the workplace include:
- a. Determining the day and time a COVID-19 case was last present; the date of the positive COVID-19 tests or diagnosis; and the date the COVID-10 case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms.
 - b. Effectively identifying and responding to persons with COVID-19 symptoms at the workplace.
 - c. Encouraging employees to report COVID-19 symptoms and to stay home when ill
4. Effective procedures for responding to COVID-19 cases at the workplace include:
- a. Immediately excluding COVID-19 cases according to the following requirements:
 - i. **Confirmed** COVID-19 cases who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work during the infectious period. 24-hour Period.
 - ii. COVID-19 cases who develop COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work during the shorter of either of the following:
 - a. The infectious period: 24-hour period.
 - b. Through 10 days after the onset of symptoms OR after testing negative AND at least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication.
 - iii. Regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of COVID-19 symptoms, a COVID-19 case must wear a face covering in the workplace until 10 days have passed since the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test.
 - iv. Elements i. and ii. apply regardless of whether an employee has been previously excluded or other precautions were taken in response to an employee's close contact or membership in an exposed group.
 - b. Reviewing current **California Department of Public Health (CDPH)** guidance for persons who had close contacts, including any guidance regarding quarantine or other measures to reduce transmission.
 - c. The following effective policies will be developed, implemented, and maintained to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by persons who had close contacts:
 - 1. Test as soon as aware of exposure.
 - 2. If test is negative, may continue to work while wearing a face covering and test again 2 days later. If no symptoms develop may continue to work as usual.

3. In the case of an outbreak, testing is required twice a week for all employees in the exposed group.
 4. If symptoms develop the criteria above will apply
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- d. If an order to isolate, quarantine, or exclude an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted.
 - e. If removal of an employee would create undue risk to a community's health, **Imagine SLS** may submit a request for a waiver to Cal/OSHA in writing to rs@dir.ca.gov to allow employees to return to work if it does not violate local or state health official orders for isolation, quarantine, or exclusion.
 - f. Upon excluding an employee from the workplace based on COVID-19 or a close contact, **Imagine SLS** will provide excluded employees information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under legally mandated sick leave, workers' compensation law, local governmental requirements, and Imagine SLS leave policies and leave guaranteed by contract.

Testing of Close Contacts

COVID-19 tests are available at no cost, during paid time, to all of our employees who had a close contact in the workplace.

Face Coverings

Employees will be provided face coverings and required to wear them:

- When required by orders from the CDPH. This includes spaces within vehicles when a CDPH regulation or order requires face coverings indoors.
- During outbreaks and major outbreaks.
- When employees return to work after having COVID-19 until 10 days have passed since the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test, or after a close contact. Please refer to the section in this FAQ on CDPH's Isolation and Quarantine Guidance.

Face coverings will be clean, undamaged, and worn over the nose and mouth.

The following exceptions apply:

1. When an employee is alone in a room or vehicle.
2. While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and, if indoors, the supply of outside or filtered air has been maximized to the extent feasible.
3. While employees are wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with CCR, Title 8 section 5144.
4. Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Such employees shall wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if the condition or disability permits it.

5. During specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed.

If an employee is not wearing a face covering due to exceptions (4) and (5), above, the COVID-19 hazards will be assessed, and action taken as necessary.

Employees will not be prevented from wearing a face covering, including a respirator, when not required by this section, unless it creates a safety hazard.

Respirators

Respirators will be provided for voluntary use to employees who request them and who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person. Employees who request respirators for voluntary use will be:

- Encouraged to use them.
- Provided with a respirator of the correct size.
- Trained on:
 - How to properly wear the respirator provided.
 - How to perform a user seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn.
 - The fact that facial hair interferes with a seal.

The requirements of CCR, Title 8 section 5144(c)(2) will be complied with according to the type of respirator (disposable filtering face piece or elastomeric re-usable) provided to employees

Additional Consideration

COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing

Assignment of housing units

To the extent feasible:

- Employee housing will be assigned to cohorts that travel and work together, separate from other workers.
- Residents who usually maintain a household together will be housed in a single housing unit without other persons.

Ventilation

The quantity and supply of outdoor air in housing units will be maximized and filtration efficiency increased to the highest-level compatible with the existing ventilation system. If there is not a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV-13) or higher filter in use, portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units will be used, to the extent feasible, in all sleeping areas.

Face coverings

All residents will be provided face coverings and information on when they should be used in accordance with state or **Santa Cruz County Healthy Services Agency** orders or guidance.

Reporting Symptoms

We encourage residents to report COVID-19 symptoms to **the Imagine SLS Executive Director or Assistant Director of Human Resources**.

COVID-19 testing

We establish, implement, maintain, and communicate to residents effective policies and procedures for COVID-19 testing of residents who had a close contact:

1. Test as soon as aware of exposure.
2. If test is negative, may continue to work while wearing a face covering and test again 2 days later. If no symptoms develop may continue to work as usual.
3. In the case of an outbreak, testing is required twice a week for all employees in the exposed group.

COVID-19 tests are available at no cost, during paid time, to all of our employees who had a close contact in the workplace.

COVID-19 cases and close contacts

All COVID-19 cases will be isolated from all residents who are not COVID-19 cases, for the period established in our CPP. Effective isolation includes housing COVID-19 cases only with other COVID-19 cases, and providing COVID-19 case residents with a sleeping area and bathroom that is not shared by non-COVID-19 case residents.

Residents who have had a close contact will be quarantined from all other residents, for the time period required by our CPP. Effective quarantine includes providing residents who had a close contact with a private bathroom and sleeping area.