

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Article 52.—Crisis Intervention Centers

26-52-22. Infection control; COVID-19 protections.

(a) Each licensee shall develop and implement policies and procedures for establishing and maintaining an ongoing infection control program for the crisis intervention center, including protections to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The center's infection control program shall be based upon policy and procedures established by the centers for disease control and prevention. The center's infection control program policies and procedures shall include the following:

- (1) Measures for the surveillance, prevention, and control of infections;
- (2) identification of the staff member positions responsible for the infection control program and review of the findings;
- (3) outline infection control measures and aseptic techniques;
- (4) orientation and ongoing education provided to all staff members and volunteers on the cause, effect, transmission, and prevention of infections;
- (5) require all staff members and volunteers to adhere to universal precautions to prevent the spread of blood-borne infectious diseases;
- (6) requirements related to employee health;
- (7) review and evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of infection control throughout the center, according to the center's policies and procedures;
- (8) provisions for reporting, to the Kansas department of health and environment, infectious or contagious diseases in accordance with K.A.R. 28-1-2. A duplicate copy of the notification required by K.A.R. 28-1-2 shall be submitted to the department; and
- (9) provisions for isolation of a proposed patient or a patient who exhibits symptoms of any suspected infectious or contagious disease which is reportable in accordance with K.A.R. 28-1-2 or symptoms of COVID-19. Staff and volunteers shall adhere to standard precautions and use of personal protective equipment recommended by the centers for disease control to prevent the spread of infection. The proposed patient or

patients shall be promptly examined by the center's physician or other authorized healthcare provider in accordance with K.A.R. 26-52-19, to determine whether their medical condition can be managed by the center's resources and staff or transfer of the proposed patient or patients to an appropriate facility for medical treatment is warranted.

(b) Each licensee shall develop policies and procedures for the control of communicable diseases, including maintenance of immunization histories and the provision of educational materials for all staff members and volunteers.

(c) Each licensee shall develop and implement policies and procedures for handling and disposing of medical waste and other biohazard materials for infection control and safety purposes.

(d) Each licensee shall develop and implement policies and procedures to require any staff member or volunteer with a condition detrimental to patient well-being, or suspected of having such a condition, is excluded from work until the requirements of K.A.R. 28-1-6 are met.

(e) Each licensee shall develop and implement written housekeeping procedures that include the following requirements for the crisis intervention center:

- (1) Be kept neat, clean, and free of rubbish;
- (2) provide hand-washing facilities as required by this article; and
- (3) include written policies and procedures for the laundering of linen and washable goods as required by this article.

(f) Each licensee shall ensure that all garbage and waste shall be collected, stored, and disposed of in a manner that does not encourage the transmission of contagious disease. Containers in the food service area shall be washed and sanitized before being returned to work areas, or the containers may be disposable.

(g) Each licensee shall develop and implement policies and procedures that require staff members to make periodic checks throughout the center to enforce sanitation procedures.

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