

INTERIM GUIDELINE: Medical accommodations during declared pandemics

PURPOSE

To clarify support for additional precautionary measures to be taken by/in boarding homes during pandemics.

APPLICATION

In addition to the standard hospitality industry practices that boarding homes already have in place for regular cleaning and sanitation, additional measures may need to be taken during pandemic or epidemic outbreaks.

For greater clarity, additional costs for increased cleaning and sanitization measures (supplies, staff) are eligible administrative expenses under Contribution Agreements.

Boarding homes may also wish to take measures to limit client-to-client contact such as permitting clients to take meals in their rooms (where common dining areas are typically used).

In order to ensure FNIHB-funded boarding homes are aware of infection control measures and pandemic guidance from public health officials, regional officials will:

- Share public health guidance and information resources such as special cleaning and sanitization measures noted at the links below, as well as specific procedures in Annex A:
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html>
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/interim-guidance-acute-healthcare-settings.html#a4.13>
- Confirm that boarding home management have/will contact local public health authorities to confirm any specific, additional cleaning measure that should be taken during a pandemic; as well as any measures that should be put in place to control access to the facility for those who may be suffering from symptoms of illness.
- Discuss with boarding home management re: any requirements for additional financial supports as may be required to purchase additional cleaning supplies or services (in particular those boarding home facilities which are reimbursed via per diem arrangement).
- Confirm that as a matter of course during a pandemic, for boarding homes whose services include outsourcing to hotels in case of overflow should place vulnerable people considered to be at higher risk for severe disease (i.e. infants and the elderly, pregnant women, patients with co-morbidities and the immunosuppressed) in facilities outside the boarding home facility (such as a hotel). This will allow for a greater degree of isolation to help mitigate the potential risk to vulnerable clients.

Environmental Cleaning – resource videos

Damp Mopping:

<https://vimeo.com/251501038/78cca2de8a>

Damp Mopping: French

<https://vimeo.com/258149379/92b6a1ca2f>

Damp Wiping:

<https://vimeo.com/251501059/2c80261481>

Damp Wiping: French

<https://vimeo.com/258271361/27d21efce6>

Safe Dilution:

<https://vimeo.com/251501147/61d194283e>

Safe dilution: French

<https://vimeo.com/258149402/e457ee5dda>

Blood Spill:

<https://vimeo.com/251501013/0c373938a3>

Blood Spills: French

<https://vimeo.com/258149356/2ed07b93e4>

Donning:

<https://vimeo.com/251501131/e4a77d1a63>

Donning: French

<https://vimeo.com/258271401/e1ff868fb5>

Doffing:

<https://vimeo.com/251501114/358653697f>

Doffing: French

<https://vimeo.com/258271425/48461e9db6>