



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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November 19, 2020
AMENDED January 4, 2021

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR 20-25

Dear Certified Community Residential Services and Supports Provider:

This letter is amended to reflect the governor's latest Proclamation 20-25 has been extended through January 11, 2021.

On February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee declared a state of emergency for Washington State related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Since then, the Governor issued a number of proclamations related to long-term care facilities. On December 10, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.9, amending proclamations 20-05 and 20-25.

A separate provider letter will be sent to the other long-term care settings regulated by Residential Care Services (RCS) and will address Proclamation 20-25.9 and the specific impact on their respective settings.

Despite previous guidance, positive COVID-19 related cases and hospitalizations have been on a steady rise since early September. From the latter part of October through the first two weeks of November 2020, COVID-19 cases have doubled in Washington and COVID-19 hospitalizations have risen sharply.

Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments remain in effect. Proclamation 20-25, renamed "Stay Safe-Stay Healthy" are amended to extend all of the prohibitions described in 20-25.9 through January 4, 2021. Except as otherwise provided in proclamation 20.25.8, the Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County by County Plan, the Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03.1 issued on July 24, 2020, and all other provisions of Proclamation 20-25, et seq., remain in effect, though modified and take effect 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2020. All modifications to existing prohibitions shall expire at 11:59 p.m. January 4, 2021 unless otherwise extended.

While RCS recognizes CCRSS clients in Supported Living Programs and Group Training Home Programs are not specifically identified in the Governor's proclamations regarding restrictions in long-term care facilities, CCRSS providers are encouraged to support clients of these programs in adhering to the restrictions identified in Proclamation 20-25.9 for their safety and well-being.

Modifications to existing prohibitions that effect CCRSS settings:

- Indoor Social Gatherings: (Supported Living Programs and Group Training Home Programs) with people from outside your household are prohibited unless they (a) quarantine for fourteen (14) days prior to social gathering; or (b) quarantine for seven (7) days prior to the social gathering and receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 48 hours prior to the gathering. A household is defined as individuals residing in the same domicile.
- Outdoor Social Gatherings: (Supported Living Programs and Group Training Home Programs) shall be limited to five (5) people from outside your household.

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- Long-term Care Facilities (State Operated Living Alternatives/SOLA and Group Homes-dually licensed as an Adult Family Home (AFH) and Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Outdoor visits are permitted. Indoor visits are prohibited, but individual exceptions for an essential support person or end-of-life care are permitted. These restrictions are also extended to the facilities in Proclamation 20-74, et seq. All other provisions of Proclamation 20-66, et seq., and 20-74, et seq., including all preliminary criteria to allow any visitors, remain in effect.

Thank you for your continued commitment to client health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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