COVID-19 Best Practices – Hamilton Cty

**Goal: *Don’t allow the virus to enter into the workplace or home or take hold*…..**

**Prevention strategies:**

* Create a single point of entry and exit from each home or workplace
* Take temperature and have employee complete health screen
* Upon entry to the home, employees must use hand sanitizer and/or wash hands thoroughly minimum 20 seconds
* Home is cleaned and sanitized often, aggressively, including all frequently touched surfaces – doorknobs, countertops, handles, etc..
* Limit grocery shopping by multiple personnel, have single staff person purchase for the home
* No visitor policy enforced
* No sharing staff between homes or other locations – staff are contained to one site
* Stress social distancing during work hours if more than one staff working
* Push fluids with staff and individuals residing in the home to wash the virus through the system – does not take hold
* Ensure employees have protective equipment, gloves, masks, bodysuit (Lowes Store-Tyvek Painter’s suit), shoe covers
* Take the temperature of individuals twice daily and also use a Pulse Oximeter Oxygen Saturation Monitor – “Portable Finger Oximeter” to check O2 level
* Individuals with a confirmed case of COVID-19 recommend the following:
* Frequent temperature - every 2 hrs
* Push fluids
* Isolation in room or area of the home
* Meals in-room – disposable silverware
* Limit employee involvement – assign one staff per shift
* Sanitize bedroom or frequently used space - frequently
* Ensure all staff contacting individuals have exposed skin covered with a mask
* Staff showing signs or symptoms (coughing, fever, chest congestion, body aches) should be sent home and must have dr. note to return to work

 **Keeping spirits high:**

* Thank you, thank you, thank you’s
* Pizza deliveries
* Pastries
* Consider hazard pay
* Frequent communication to employees and families
* Create location employees can receive frequent and latest information on COVID-19 from employer

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