

Covid 19 – Family Visits

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PURPOSE

To provide a safe and “virus free” environment for all clients, staff, and family visitors of the Bobby Benson Center. Due to our congregate setting and the potential for widespread infection, it is BBC’s goal to screen all family visitors to ensure a virus free facility.

POLICY

The Bobby Benson Center mandates all family members to have COVID-19 vaccine, when visiting youth, and to engage in consistent and “as needed” COVID 19 temperature screening and covid-19 screenings of family visitors, to ensure a Coronavirus free facility.

****Unvaccinated family members will not be allowed to visit youth****

Sunday Family Visits Operating Hours: 12:00pm – 2:00pm only

All families during family visits will be screened for respiratory symptoms and have their body temperature taken as a precautionary measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

Only two (2) family members per client is allowed to visit. Absolutely no “switching” during visits between family members.

Any family member(s) who has a fever at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or who is experiencing coughing, shortness of breath will not be allowed onto the facility and will be asked to leave. The individual should monitor his or her symptoms and call a doctor or use telemedicine if concerned about the symptoms.

A family member can return for a visit the following week and/or when:

1. He or she has had no fever for at least three (3) days without taking medication to reduce fever during that time; AND
2. Any respiratory symptoms (cough and shortness of breath) have improved; AND
3. At least ten (10) days have passed since the symptoms began; AND
4. Doctor clearance confirms the cause of the fever or other symptoms is not COVID-19

Any visitor who experiences fever and/or respiratory symptoms while home, should not report to family visits or come to the facility, regardless of vaccination status.

PROCEDURE

1. All family members will park on the outside parking lot.
 - a. All family members are required to wear a mask/face covering.
 - i. **No mask/face covering = no entry onto the facility!**

- b. BBC will not distribute face masks to visitors, it is the family members responsibility to bring their own mask/face covering.
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2. The process will be as follows:
- A) Upon the arrival of the client to the facility, family members will need to show proof of vaccination card to the designated screener (Shiftleader and/or RN). All family members will be asked to keep social distance (6 ft) while waiting to be screened. If family members do not have vaccination card - family will be turned away.
- B) Designated screener will be dressed in PPEs (gloves, regular face mask, face shield)
- C) Tester will ask COVID-19 screening questions
- In the last 14 days, have you traveled to the mainland and/or internationally?
 - Do you have new onset or worsening of any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, chills, body aches, fatigue, headache, loss of taste/smell, eye drainage, congestion?
 - Have you been exposed to someone who is being tested for COVID-19 or who has symptoms of COVID-19?
 - Are any members of your household or close contacts on quarantine for exposure to COVID-19?
 - Any family member that answers yes to any of the symptoms above, will not be allowed onto the facility.
- E) Tester will then take the temperature of the visitor
- Any family member who has a fever at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, will not be allowed onto the facility.
- F) When family members have been cleared from all of the above, they will be given a neon sticker, labeled “BBC” with the date, to ensure that they have been cleared. This will also aid staff to monitor and ensure that all family members have been screened.
1. **ABSOLUTELY NO SHARED OR READY TO EAT MEALS** for youth are allowed. **There will be no eating during visits, due to mask needing to be on throughout the duration of the visit** and to lessen the potential spread of COVID-19 (one of the most common ways Covid-19 to spread is during eating meals together).
- a. Family members are allowed to bring snacks, belongings, etc for youth, but will be left at the entrance for staff to sanitize, inventory, inspect, and will then distribute accordingly.

If family or youth cannot abide by social distancing rules (i.e., staying 6ft apart, mask wearing) and/or does not pass screening at entry, BBC reserves the right to end the visit and staff will escort individuals off the facility.

Refusal to leave or follow staff directives will warrant a call to Honolulu Police Department, to assist in escorting individual off BBC property.

Submitting a falsified vaccination card is a crime, and will result in being banned from visiting the facility.