



COVID-19 Exposure Update

November 24, 2020

Due to a recent COVID-19 virus exposure on Edgewood Center's Vicente Street campus the weekend of October 24-25, 2020, we put a pause on intake and admissions of new clients to residential treatment to contain and limit further exposure and implemented a thorough round of testing of all who were possibly exposed.

We are pleased to announce that the San Francisco Department of Public Health has informed us that we are able to reopen to clients as of November 28. Our current plan is to begin admitting new clients on Monday November 30, with two intakes. We will continue from there to do intake of additional youth gradually.

Between now and Monday, we will continue to implement the new safety protocols we submitted to DPH and prepare our facilities and our intakes to follow the new safety plans. We will also be establishing a tracking system for our new mandatory staff testing policy. Beginning next week, all staff who work in person will be required to be tested at least once a month (twice a month is encouraged). We will have a method of coordinating that a minimum of 25% of our staff is tested each week, per the surveillance testing requirements of DPH.

The Food Bank re-opened Thursday, November 19, 2020. Community based in-person services will continue, as planned. The Crisis Stabilization Unit has remained open throughout this time period and continues to offer support to youth in crisis 24/7. The staff in these programs will follow the Edgewood Center In-Person visit protocol and will adhere to all guidelines.

The health and safety of our children and families are always priorities, and we are taking the following measures to continue to meet their needs:

- The Edgewood **Crisis Stabilization Unit** and community-based programs remain open for client services.
- Clients who, due to health risk factors related to COVID-19, cannot safely go home will remain in our care.
- All staff who are able to work remotely have been instructed to do so. This includes the **Edgewood Community School which we plan to reopen in person in January**, the **Intake Department** and all **Community-Based Services**.
- We are requiring all clients and all staff to wear masks, wash hands and to practice physical distancing.
- **SF Department of Public Health is now offering a resource number/email for anything COVID related. This line is available for DPH civil service staff and contracted community-based organizations such as Edgewood. You are welcome to call or email with ANY questions you might have. [415-255-3427](tel:415-255-3427) or bhs.clearinghouse@sfdph.org**
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- **San Francisco Testing Availability:** If you are experiencing symptoms or as restrictions on contact change around the Bay Area we encourage our staff to get tested on a regular basis to ensure the safety of our staff, our families, our clients, and the larger Edgewood community. If you are concerned about being an asymptomatic carrier, you can be tested through the [CityTestSF \(sf.gov/find-out-how-get-tested-coronavirus\)](https://sf.gov/find-out-how-get-tested-coronavirus). SF will test asymptomatic essential workers every two weeks.