

COVID-19 Exposure Update

November 18, 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 implement a thorough round of testing of all who were possibly exposed.

Our final test result on campus came back negative on November 18, 2020. The San Francisco Department of Public Health will continue to work with us daily through next week, but our outbreak has been contained; we will not need continued DPH testing. Our risk level has lowered from level red/high risk to level orange/moderate risk. We will now continue to focus on submitting our written safety and testing plans to DPH to prepare for re-opening.

The Food Bank will re-open this Thursday, November 19, 2020. Community based in-person services will continue, as planned. The staff in these programs will follow the Edgewood Center In-Person visit protocol and will adhere to all guidelines.

Under the guidance of DPH, prior to reinstating referrals, all face to face service providers and will be trained on our COVID practices and procedures and our new testing protocol.

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**
- **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.