**Planning Considerations for Implementing a COVID-19 Recovery and Isolation Center**

A Recovery and Isolation Center is for people who have mild to moderate severity, laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 acute respiratory syndrome. The Center is not a hospital. It provides a level of care similar to a Red Cross evacuation shelter during a natural disaster. Services include safe sleeping arrangements, food, water, bathrooms with toilets and sinks, and ideally showers. Medical care is limited to antipyretics (acetaminophen or ibuprofen, basic first-aid (ice packs, band-aids), and limited evaluation (vital signs).

The Center also serves as an isolation center to help keep people with COVID-19 infection from spreading to others. The staff at the Center in direct contact with clients will be required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), including gowns (if available), gloves, face masks, or N-95 or higher-level respirators, and eye protection (glasses, goggles, or face shields) as outlined in the CDC guidance (link below).

Staff cooking food will not be required to wear PPE other than that typically worn when preparing food for both on and off-site preparation. Staff who provide environmental cleaning services will need to wear gowns, gloves, and eye protection if there is a risk of spray or splash with cleaning agents. Staff who will be cleaning areas within 6 feet of clients, such as sleeping areas, should wear a face mask and eye protection in addition to gowns and gloves.

**Staffing, Equipment, and Logistics**

* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/alternative-care-sites.html>
* <https://nationalmasscarestrategy.org/sheltering/>
* <http://www.nationalmasscarestrategy.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Shelter-Field-Guide-508_f3.pdf>

**Guidance for Infection Control and Other Safety Considerations in Shelters**

* <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/commshelters.html>
* <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/disease/infectevac.html>
* <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/diabetes/index.html>

**Food Preparation**

* <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/safe-food-handling/cooking-for-groups-a-volunteers-guide-to-food-safety/CT_Index1>

**Shelter Assessment Tools**

* <https://emergency.cdc.gov/shelterassessment/>
* <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/emergency-assessment.html#forsheltermanagers>