



Illinois Department of Public Health Says

Please do the following in your practice while you are open as an essential business during the stay at home order

Staff monitoring

- Underlying conditions
 - Staff with some underlying health conditions such as diabetes, cardiac disease, chronic pulmonary disease, obesity, hypertension or who are immunocompromised may be at increased risk of adverse outcomes from this disease. Consider this when meeting staffing needs.
- Ensure that staff
 - Take their temperatures daily
 - Self-monitor for symptoms
 - Have individuals use a log form

If an employee has a fever or symptoms of COVID 19, they should be sent home immediately

Staff member testing positive for COVID19

If a staff member should test positive for COVID19 they should stay home from work for 7 days plus 72 hours afebrile (not on fever reducers) and feeling well before returning to work. Other staff in the clinic should be alerted that a staff member has tested positive for COVID19. **The clinic should contact their local health department for recommendations on additional steps and that local health department can call me for guidance as needed.**

High risk contacts to a case include persons who have had more than 10 minutes of contact within 6 feet of a confirmed case without PPE. Depending on the situation in the clinic, persons who are high risk contacts to a case may need to be quarantined at home. Consideration may be given to considering veterinarians and their staff to be like health care workers who may be considered a high-risk contact to a case but can work while asymptomatic while taking temperature checks twice daily and using masks.

Environment

Be diligent about cleaning/disinfecting in the practice. Pay particular attention to high touch surfaces (doorknobs, toilet handles, phones, light switches and areas where employees share computers/tables/desks)

Social distancing

This can be very difficult to do within a clinic setting. As much as feasible keep 6 ft apart when closer contact is not needed for a procedure.

Basic information

Most common symptoms of COVID19 include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Loss of sense of smell/taste
- Diarrhea

*New information indicates that persons can transmit the disease 48 hours prior to illness onset.

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