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UPDATE #4 COVID-19

Indian Creek Village Residents:

The Village Emergency Team is working hard to ensure the health and well-being of this community.

On a daily basis, either the State and/or the County continue issuing stricter Emergency Orders to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

The safest advice Village officials can provide our residents is to "STAY HOME"!

If you have household personnel, you may want to consider minimal staffing levels and introduce staff to the Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to properly clean and disinfect your household to help minimize the exposure to COVID-19, see guidelines below:

CDC- Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines

Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces. It does not kill germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection.

Disinfecting refers to using chemicals, for example, [EPA-registered disinfectants \(click here\)](#), to kill germs on surfaces. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs, but by killing germs on a surface *after* cleaning, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection. Additionally, diluted household bleach solutions (at least 1000ppm sodium hypochlorite) can be used if appropriate for the surface. Allow for contact time of at least 1 minute and proper ventilation during and after application. Check the product is not expired. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

To prepare a bleach solution mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water or
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Household

- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily in household common areas (e.g. tables, hard-backed chairs, doorknobs, light switches, phones, tablets, touch screens, remote controls, keyboards, handles, desks, toilets, sinks) If surfaces are

dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves should be discarded after each cleaning. If reusable gloves are used, those gloves should be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces for COVID-19 and should not be used for other purposes. Clean hands immediately after gloves are removed.
- For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces. After cleaning, launder items as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If possible, launder items using warm water setting for the items and dry items completely.

Electronics

- For electronics such as cell phones, tablets, touch screens, remote controls, and keyboards, remove visible contamination if present.
 - Consider use of wipeable covers for electronics.
 - If no manufacturer guidance is available to clean, consider the use of alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol to disinfect touch screens. Dry surfaces thoroughly to avoid pooling of liquids.

Caring for COVID-19 Positive Household Members

- Wear disposable gloves when handling dirty laundry and then discard after each use. If using reusable gloves, those gloves should be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces for COVID-19 and should not be used for other household purposes. Clean hands immediately after gloves are removed.
 - If no gloves are used when handling dirty laundry, be sure to wash hands afterwards.
 - If possible, do not shake dirty laundry. This will minimize the possibility of dispersing virus through the air.
 - If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items and dry items completely. Dirty laundry from an ill person CAN be washed with other people's items.
 - Clean and disinfect clothes hampers according to guidance above for surfaces. If possible, consider placing a bag liner that is either disposable (can be thrown away) or can be laundered.
- In the bedroom/bathroom dedicated for an ill person: consider reducing cleaning frequency to as-needed (e.g., soiled items and surfaces) to avoid unnecessary contact with the ill person.
- As much as possible, an ill person should stay in a specific room and away from other people in their home, following the [home care guidance](#).
- The caregiver can provide personal cleaning supplies specific to the ill person's room and bathroom. Supplies include tissues, paper towels, cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants.
- Household members should follow home care guidance when interacting with persons with suspected/confirmed COVID-19 and their isolation rooms/bathrooms.

- The ill person should eat/be fed in their room if possible. Non-disposable food service items used should be handled with gloves and washed with hot water or in a dishwasher. Clean hands after handling used food service items.
- If possible, dedicate a lined trash can for the ill person. Use gloves when removing garbage bags, handling, and disposing of trash. Wash hands after handling or disposing of trash.

Other preventive measures:

Household members should follow normal preventive actions while at work and home including recommended [hand hygiene](#) and avoiding touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

- Additional key times to clean hands include:
 - After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - After using the restroom
 - Before eating or preparing food
 - After contact with animals or pets
 - Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g. a child)

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