

Appendix 3.16

Participants in Isolation Using Laundry Facilities

In the past we asked advocates to do laundry for those in isolation, but with so many participants in the program this is no longer practical. This is the guidance from MDH on laundry that I think will work for our people:

- Require that individuals in isolation wear a mask (cover nose and mouth) while walking from their room to the elevator and laundry room, and while spending time in the laundry room.
- Ask that they not use the laundry room while others are there and try to be in the laundry room for only a few moments at a time.
- When using the elevator, only one participant/family should be in the elevator at a time.
- Provide cleaning solution and paper towels or disinfectant wipes and ask participants to wipe down the outsides of the washing/drying machines and the handles, along with door handles.
- If someone becomes very symptomatic (lots of coughing, sneezing, etc.) or feels very ill, prioritize them to be receive help from advocates (consult with Denise about this). We wouldn't want someone who feels really sick doing their own laundry, plus they are likely to be more infectious.