

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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DHS 83 Community Based Residential Facilities

DHS 83.17 Hiring and employment.

(2) EMPLOYEE HEALTH COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL.

- (a) The CBRF shall obtain documentation from a physician, physician assistant, clinical nurse practitioner or a licensed registered nurse indicating all employees have been screened for clinically apparent communicable disease including tuberculosis. Screening for tuberculosis shall be conducted using centers for disease control and prevention standards. The screening and documentation shall be completed within 90 days before the start of employment. The CBRF shall keep screening documentation confidential, except the department shall have access to the screening documentation for verification purposes.
- (b) Employees shall be re-screened for clinically apparent communicable disease as described in par. (a) based on the likelihood of exposure to communicable disease, including tuberculosis.
- (c) A person who has a communicable disease shall not be permitted to work or be present in the CBRF if the disease would present a risk to the health or safety of residents.

DHS 83.39 Infection control program.

- (1) The licensee shall establish and follow an infection control program based on current standards of practice to prevent the development and transmission of communicable disease and infection.
- (2) The infection control program shall include written policies and training for employees.
- (3) Employees shall follow hand washing procedures according to centers for disease control and prevention standards.
- (4) Other occupants shall comply with infection control requirements as stated in s. [DHS 83.17 \(2\)](#).
- (5) The CBRF shall ensure that pets are vaccinated against diseases, including rabies, if appropriate.

(2) NUTRITION.

3) SANITATION AND SAFETY.

(a) *Infection control.*

1. Each employee who prepares or serves food shall be free from open, infected wounds and from communicable disease and shall maintain clean and safe work habits.

2. The CBRF shall provide hand-washing facilities in the kitchen for use by food handlers. Use of a common towel is prohibited.
- (b) *Food safety.* Whether food is prepared at the CBRF or off-site, the CBRF shall store, prepare, distribute and serve food under sanitary conditions for the prevention of food borne illnesses, including food prepared off-site, according to all of the following:
1. The CBRF shall refrigerate all foods requiring refrigeration at or below 40°F. Food shall be covered and stored in a sanitary manner.
 2. The CBRF shall maintain freezing units at 0°F or below. Frozen foods shall be packaged, labeled and dated.
 3. The CBRF shall hold hot foods at 140°F or above and shall hold cold foods at 40°F or below until serving.
- (c) *Reporting.* The CBRF is required under s. [DHS 145.04](#) to report suspected incidents of food borne disease to the local public health officer.

DHS 83.44 Housekeeping services.

(1) LAUNDRY.

- (a) *Laundry area.* The CBRF shall make an adequate number of laundry appliances available to residents who choose to do their own laundry. The CBRF shall have a laundry area to sort, process and store clean and soiled laundry and shall handle clean and soiled laundry so as to prevent the spread of infection.
- (b) *Storage and transport.* The CBRF shall have separate clean and dirty laundry storage areas or containers. Storage containers shall be clean, leak-proof and have a tight fitting lid. The CBRF may not transport, wash or rinse soiled laundry in areas used for food preparation, serving or storage.
- (c) *Clothes dryers.* The CBRF shall enclose any clothes dryer having a rated capacity of more than 37,000 Btu/hour in a one-hour fire resistive rated enclosure. If the clothes dryer requires a vent, the CBRF shall use dryer vent tubing that is of rigid material with a fire rating that exceeds the temperature rating of the dryer. The dryer vent tubing shall be clean and maintained.

(2) CLEANLINESS.

- (a) The CBRF shall keep all rooms clean and shall make reasonable attempts to keep all rooms free from odors.
- (b) All toilet and bathing areas, facilities and fixtures shall be clean and in good working order.
- (c) Every interior floor, wall and ceiling shall be clean and in good repair.

(4) PEST CONTROL. The CBRF shall implement safe, effective procedures for control and extermination of insects, rodents and vermin.

(5) GARBAGE AND REFUSE. The CBRF shall dispose of garbage and refuse. Garbage and refuse in inside areas shall be kept in leak-proof, non-absorbent closed containers. Garbage and refuse in outside areas shall be in closed containers.

DHS 83.55 Bath and toilet areas.

(6) WATER SUPPLY.

(a) The CBRF shall connect each sink, bathtub and shower to hot and cold water, and supply adequate hot water to meet the needs of the residents.

(b) The CBRF shall set the temperature of all water heaters connected to sinks, showers and tubs used by residents at a temperature of at least 140°F. The temperature of water at fixtures used by residents shall be automatically regulated by valves and may not exceed 115°F, except for CBRFs serving residents recovering from alcohol or drug dependency or clients of a government correctional agency.

DHS 88 Adult Family Homes

DHS 88.05 Home...

(3) HOME ENVIRONMENT.

(a) An adult family home shall be safe, clean and well-maintained and shall provide a homelike environment.

(b) The home shall be free from hazards and kept uncluttered and free of dangerous substances, insects and rodents...

(n) The home shall have clean, functioning and safe household items and furnishings, including the following:

1. A separate bed for each resident unless a couple chooses to share a bed. The bed shall be clean, in good condition and of proper size and height for the comfort of the resident.

2. Appropriate bedding and linens that are maintained in a clean condition. When a waterproof mattress cover is used, there shall be a washable mattress pad, the same size as the mattress, over the waterproof mattress cover...

(6) HOUSEHOLD PETS.

(a) Pets may be allowed on the premises of an adult family home. Cats, dogs and other pets vulnerable to rabies which are owned by any resident or household member shall be vaccinated as required under local ordinance. A pet suspected of being ill or infected shall be treated immediately for its condition or removed from the home.

(b) Pens and cages shall be kept clean.

(c) Pets shall be kept and handled in a manner which protects the well-being of both residents and pets.

(d) The wishes of residents shall be considered before a new pet is allowed on the premises...

DHS 88.06 Placement

(2) ADMISSION.

- (a) Except as provided in subd. 2., the licensee shall ensure that a new resident of an adult family home receives a health examination by a physician to identify health problems and is screened for communicable disease, including tuberculosis. Screening for communicable disease may be provided by a physician, a registered nurse or a physician assistant. The health examination and screening shall take place within 90 days prior to admission to the home or within 7 days after admission.
2. No health examination is required for a person admitted for respite care who will not be staying in a home more than 7 days and will not be placed in the home more than once in a calendar year.

DHS 88.10 Resident rights

(3) RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS...

- (L) *Safe physical environment.* To a safe environment in which to live. The adult family home shall safeguard residents who cannot fully guard themselves from environmental hazards to which they are likely to be exposed, including conditions which would be hazardous to anyone and conditions which would be or are hazardous to a particular resident because of the resident's condition or disability....
- (f) The licensee may not permit the existence or continuation of a condition in the home which places the health, safety or welfare of a resident at substantial risk of harm.
- (g)
1. The licensee shall obtain documentation from a physician, a registered nurse or a physician's assistant indicating that the licensee and any service provider has been screened for illness detrimental to residents, including for tuberculosis. The documentation is to be completed within 90 days before the start of providing service. The documentation shall be kept confidential except that the licensing agency shall have access to the documentation for verification.
2. The licensee shall ensure that no one who has a communicable disease reportable under ch. [DHS 145](#) may work in a position in the adult family home where the disease would present a significant risk to the health or safety of residents
- (h) The licensee and all service providers involved in the operation of the adult family home shall comply with the universal precautions contained in the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standard [29 CFR 1910.1030](#) for the control of blood-borne pathogens.

DHS 89 Residential Care Apartment Complexes

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DHS 89.34 Rights of tenants

(17) **SAFE ENVIRONMENT.** To a safe environment in which to live

Top 10 cites 2024

CBRF: 0481 Environment Safe, Clean and Comfortable

AFH: 0570 Safe Physical Environment

Resources

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[Recommendations for Prevention and Control of Targeted Multidrug-Resistant Organisms for Assisted Living Facilities](#)

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[Decision Tree: Tuberculosis Screening of Health Care Personnel \(HCP\) and Caregivers upon Hire](#)

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[Tuberculosis Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel: Recommendations from the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association and CDC, 2019 | MMWR](#)