

Advent House Coronavirus Policy

Yellow Phase

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Introduction: Advent House (AH) has made several adaptive changes to the facility as well as its programming in order to protect its members and residents from the SARS-CoV2 pandemic. These adaptive changes which are known as Advent House's Coronavirus Policy have been outlined in three distinctive phases. These phases are "Red Phase," "Yellow Phase," and "Green Phase." Transition between each phase will take place after the AH Coronavirus Committee (AHCC) has met to discuss a transition. The AHCC consist of members from the AH Board of Directors, AH residents, AH student leaders, and AH Staff. The AHCC will only meet after the Knoxville County Health Department changes its "Benchmarks for Reopening Traffic Light" for the category of "sustained reduction or stability in new cases for 14 days" ([KCHD, 2020b](#)) to a new color or upon the request of the AH Board of Directors. Any changes in the AH Coronavirus Policy Phases or in the Policy will be updated on the AH website (adventhouse.org) and disseminated to our residents *via* email and paper copies. A copy of AH's active phase will be posted by each entrance to the house with a poster containing a summary (see Figure 1).

Below is the Advent House Coronavirus Policy: **Yellow Phase**

Integrative Technologies:

Thermometers - Advent House will have two no-touch thermometers at the house. A hand-held one at the front door and a wall mounted thermometer by the back door inside the mudroom which leads to the kitchen. Signs will be posted by both thermometers with step by step instructions detailing what to do if a fever is detected (See Figure 2).

Sinks – Each sink will be equipped with a "SinkBlink20" timer which will automatically count for 20 sec upon the faucet being turned on (Huber, 2020). More information can be found on their website at sinkblink20.com. Hand washing instructions will be posted by all sinks (see Figure 3) in addition to the displayed SinkBlink20 signs (see Figure 4).

Masks – ACF cloth masks will be provided to all AH Residents. Disposable masks, which are stored in individual bags, will be located near the back entrance for any guest that will be entering the premise.

Self-Screening – AH Staff will complete the UTK daily health self-screening form each day. It is also recommended by UTK that all UTK students also fill out the daily health self-screening form each day as well ([UTK, 2020](#)).

Resident & Guest Requirements:

Advent House will be open to residents, essential personnel and guests of residents. Each resident will be limited to one guest at a time once each day. Guests will only be permitted in public areas, with the exception of the apartments. No guests will be allowed to stay overnight or past 10 pm, without special approval by the committee. Guests will be required to send contact info to AH staff through the AH website (adventhouse.org). The contact form can be found at the bottom of the home page. A guest is any person who is invited to AH that is not a current resident or essential personnel. Guests include but are not limited to classmates, friends, and family members. Essential personnel include, but are not limited to, construction workers, repairmen, and medical staff.

Entry to the main house will only take place through the back door which leads to the kitchen. Upon entering the main house, residents and essential personnel will be required to take their temperature on the hands-free, no-touch wall thermometer located in the mudroom. If a fever is detected then an alarm will sound, after which residents and essential personnel will follow the instructions outlined on the signage next to the thermometer (See Figure 2). It is worth noting that non-residents with a fever will not be permitted to enter the facility.

Masks must be worn in the public areas of the main house by residents, guests and essential personnel at all times, even when one is alone in the house. Apartments A and B will be required to have masks worn at all times during the visit of a guest, essential personnel, or another Advent House resident other than the apartment occupants.

Upon entering the house, residents, essential personnel, and guests will be required to wash their hands at the kitchen sink or first floor bathroom sink. These sinks are equipped with SinkBlink20 technology and will have instructions posted by them (see Figure 3), (see Figure 4).

Event Changes:

AH and Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) events/activities will be allowed to take place outside the AH facility during this phase, weather permitting. AH will provide an outdoor seating area with portable plastic/metal chairs, which will be spaced out at least 6 feet apart. Chairs and other surfaces will be wiped down after each event. AH will also have a portable canopy with mosquito nets for walls. This will provide protection from rain and insects. All participants at advent house events will be required to sign in and provide their contact information via google document, or through the AH website contact form.

Bible studies, as well as other events, will still have an online option *via* Zoom or other virtual platforms.

Guidelines for events outside of the AH facility:

We recommend that all AH students and residents follow CDC ([CDC, 2020a](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0508-cdc-2020-020a.html)) and KCHD ([KCHD 2020a](https://www.kchd.org/health-services/health-communication/2020/04/2020-04-20-01.html)) guidelines when attending other events both indoors and outside.

In the event that a resident is sick with COVID-19:

Advent House will comply with all CDC recommendations on “If a resident in your facility has COVID-19 (suspected or confirmed)” ([CDC, 2020b](#)). The following is a summary of the CDC guidelines written in the context of our facility. More information can be found on their website ([CDC, 2020b](#)).

Residents are not required by law to notify AH staff if they think they may or have a confirmed case of COVID-19. In the event that a resident does choose to disclose to AH staff that they have been tested and confirmed positive for COVID-19 or that they suspect they have COVID-19, AH staff will work with KCHD to notify everyone in the house who may have been exposed, had close contact with the sick person, while maintaining the confidentiality of the sick person as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and, if applicable, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) ([CDC, 2020b](#)).

The resident that has become ill will be provided with information on [how to care for themselves](#) and [when to seek medical attention](#) ([CDC, 2020b](#)). AH staff will also help the ill resident to the extent possible to get medical and spiritual assistance needed during the period.

Residents with [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and those in close contacts with them will be encouraged to self-isolate and limit their use of shared spaces as much as possible ([CDC, 2020b](#)). The Bathroom upstairs will be reserved for those that are ill from COVID-19 while the bathroom in the basement and first floor will be reserved for other residents ([CDC, 2020b](#)).

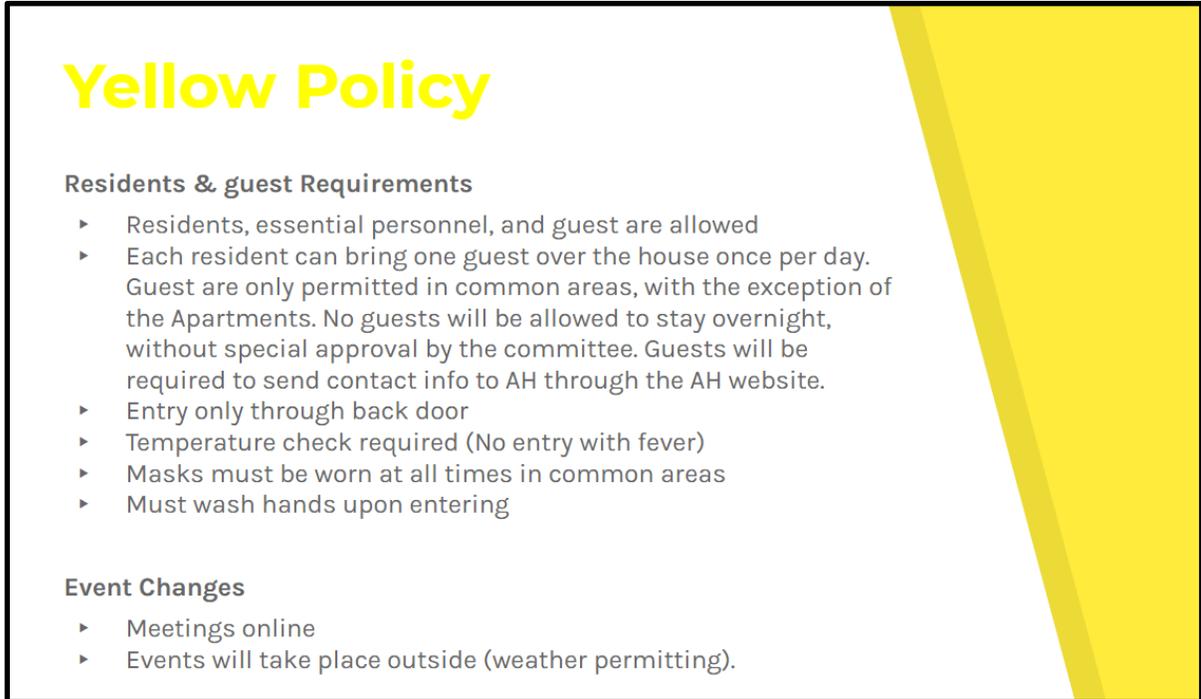
AH staff will provide transportation for any resident (suspected of having or having a confirmed case COVID-19) in need of transportation for testing or non-urgent medical care ([CDC, 2020b](#)).

The protective measures in response to a resident contracting the Coronavirus at Advent House will end after the ill resident has had 10 days symptom-free or at a later date per the recommendations of the CDC ([CDC, 2020c](#)), KCHD ([KCHD, 2020a](#)), or the individual’s healthcare provider.

Figures

Figure 1

Yellow Phase Poster Summary

A poster with a white background and a yellow diagonal stripe on the right side. The title 'Yellow Policy' is in large yellow font. Below it are two sections: 'Residents & guest Requirements' and 'Event Changes', each with a list of bullet points.

Yellow Policy

Residents & guest Requirements

- ▶ Residents, essential personnel, and guest are allowed
- ▶ Each resident can bring one guest over the house once per day. Guest are only permitted in common areas, with the exception of the Apartments. No guests will be allowed to stay overnight, without special approval by the committee. Guests will be required to send contact info to AH through the AH website.
- ▶ Entry only through back door
- ▶ Temperature check required (No entry with fever)
- ▶ Masks must be worn at all times in common areas
- ▶ Must wash hands upon entering

Event Changes

- ▶ Meetings online
- ▶ Events will take place outside (weather permitting).

Note. The Red Phase Poster Summary outlines the major topics of the Advent House Covid-19 Policy for the Red Phase.

Figure 2

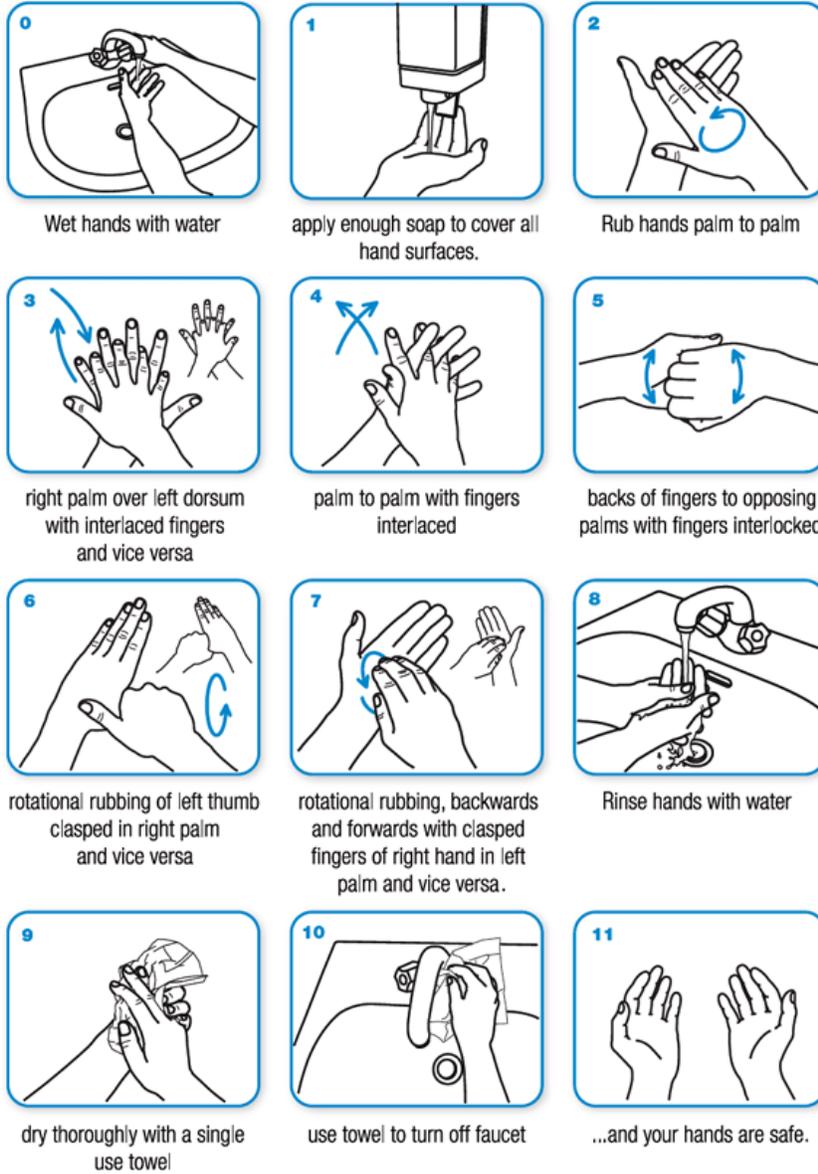


What to Do If a Fever is Present Sign

Note. A sign with step by step instructions for residents and non-residents to follow in the event that a fever is detected.

Figure 3

Handwashing Sign



Note. A sign illustrated and labeled with instructions, showing how to properly wash hands for 20 seconds.

Figure 4

SinkBlink20 Sign



Note. SinkBlink20 sign explains the function of the sink light. The sign also contains a QR code that links to the SinkBlink20's Facebook page (Huber, 2020).

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