

Homeless Services Network Meeting
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Minutes

Marielena Velez de Brown Deputy Commissioner of Public Health at Monroe County Department of Public Health spoke to the group.

This is a new illness and this is the info we have so far but is always evolving.

- It is not currently believed that you can share the virus without having the symptoms.
- Incubation period is 2 weeks. If you're exposed to the virus, it can develop within 2 weeks. Transmitted person to person (not airborne).

Agencies and Shelter:

- Staff or volunteers who are at higher risk, can they support an organizations mission in a capacity that doesn't require them to have direct contact at this time.
- Find a way to separate symptomatic persons asap.
- When you are able, ask screening questions of people over the phone and again before they enter the facility.
 - Screening questions:
 - How are you feeling?
 - Do you have a cough?
 - Do you have shortness of breath?
 - Using a thermometer (if you have one) to take their temperature
 - If a person has symptoms, have them use a mask and funnel them to a separate area.
- Outreach staff should ask screening questions but still be person centered and reach those with needs.

If someone has symptoms and does not have a primary doctor, do not have them go to the emergency room. Call 585-753-5555 Monroe County Health Dept. Give as much detail about the person as possible and that they don't have a doctor and ask that they be tested. Name, dob, location, symptoms.

You can also call 922-CARE (for facetime triage)