



Planning for Quarantine & Isolation Sites Checklist

Guidance on Inclusion of Behavioral Health Services

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The Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Ohio Department of Health are working with state partners through the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center (State EOC) to establish a framework for quarantine sites across Ohio. While potential quarantine locations are identified by the State EOC, all other planning for the operation of the quarantine facility is to be undertaken at the local level. The State plan is specific to Quarantine location planning and has been shared with the county level Emergency Management Offices. The State EOC quarantine plan is a living document that will be updated with lessons learned throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

Common Definitions

Isolation - separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick

Quarantine - separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick

Planning checklist for local quarantine and isolation

The State of Ohio EOC has identified the following areas that require planning for a successful quarantine site. Please review the actual plan for specific information. Several points below lend themselves to ADAMHS Board leadership, but Boards may find themselves assisting in other areas as local circumstances require.

Types of sites

1. Hotels or other Hospitality facilities
2. Hospital or other Medical facilities (closed/vacant hospital buildings, healthcare facilities)
3. Nursing homes (full, empty, vacant, closed)
4. Religious facilities (churches, synagogues, mosques)
5. Educational facilities (including closed or vacant dorms, schools, colleges, universities)
6. Business facilities (large buildings, offices, unions)
7. Other (realty buildings, vacant lots with utilities, racetracks, state parks)
8. Local lead: EMA and Local Health Department will determine sites

Transportation

1. Transporting patients to sites from their homes, hospitals, other locations
2. Transporting supplies to sites
3. Transporting workers or volunteers to sites if needed
4. Local lead:

Volunteers and workers

1. On-site behavioral health support

2. Continuing care for people in treatment for/recovering from mental health and addiction issues
3. Telehealth for quarantine and isolation site occupants
4. Support for responding health care and emergency workers
5. Translation services for quarantine and isolation site occupants
6. Local lead:

Supplies – general

1. Food
2. Telephones
3. Wi-Fi
4. Technology for telehealth services
5. Laundry
6. Cleaning
7. PPE, gloves, gowns, foot covers
8. Local lead:

Medications

1. Psychotropic medications
2. Medication-assisted treatment
3. Maintenance (any other prescription medications)
4. Local lead:

Site Considerations

1. Environmental concerns
2. Safety concerns
3. Local lead:

State assistance

1. Problem solving barriers with access to behavioral health care and associated workforce
2. Medication access

Accommodating people with behavioral health needs

While not specifically part of the State EOC plan, please note that special consideration may be required for populations with significant substance use or mental health needs in ALL areas of planning. These populations include, but are not limited to, individuals with SPMI, homeless, veterans, victims of domestic violence, individuals in crisis, individuals living in group settings (both licensed and unlicensed), youth and families, and more.

The behavioral health and social services needs of these Ohioans are of primary importance in their ability to successfully participate in quarantine/isolation/recovery settings. Additionally, coordination will be needed to ensure that they leave the quarantine site to a safe environment. A guidance document prepared by the OhioMHAS Medical Director's office accompanies this document and contains some suggested helpful tips on how to meet the behavioral health needs of Ohioans in quarantine settings.

Situation specific needs are expected to vary greatly across the state in quarantine locations. This document is intended to spark thought and is not a definitive list of responsibilities nor a complete checklist of all needs.