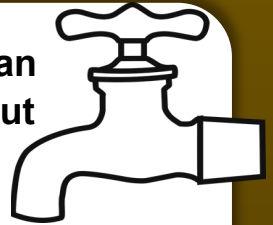


# Shelter Safety in a COVID-19 World

**In order to help control the spread of COVID-19 throughout your shelter we recommend the following safety protocols :**

- Enforce mask wearing protocols at all times (unless seated eating or drinking)
- Keep accurate records of who was assigned to sleep where.
- Reduce the amount of movement throughout the shelter. Limit person movement to their assigned area.
- If children are present, encourage parents to limit the size of groups allowed to play together to reduce risk of exposure
- Encourage people to tell someone if they aren't feeling well or think they may be sick.

## How to Keep Things Clean When the Power Goes Out



When the power goes out and the ability to access running water is no more, keeping things clean to help control the spread of the COVID-19 is going to be key.

- Encourage hand sanitizing when possible. If sanitizer is not available, consider the use of bottled water for hand washing when needed
- Continually wipe down common areas such as door knobs and handrails with a disinfectant cleaner on a regular basis, multiple times a day.

## Social Distancing

**We understand that conditions in a shelter environment are often prohibitive of social distancing as there are many people that need shelter from the storm.**

- Keep at least 6ft in between each family unit's assigned space to ensure each family has enough space to settle in and feel safe while sleeping and sheltering in place.
- Consider setting up series of taped gridlines on the floor to give evacuees a visual guide and parameter for their space. It will also help to control the flow of traffic throughout the shelter.
- When possible, limit the flow of traffic to one way to reduce the amount of contact in passing.



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