

Rite of Passage
Policy and Procedure

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Policy Name:	Home Passes During an Epidemic or Pandemic
Program Type:	All

Policy:

In the event of a pandemic in the communities that ROP operates, the continual health, safety and welfare of youth and staff shall be paramount and ROP shall exercise the utmost caution to prevent the transmission of the presenting virus. During the pandemic, ROP shall support the continued interactions of youth and their family members and loved ones including, to the greatest extent in which ROP can safely manage, the continued use of home passes by ROP youth.

Procedure:

Home Pass Authorization

In the event of a pandemic across the United States we can expect the intensity of the infected population to vary from state to state or even community to community. Site Leadership shall monitor the specific impact of the pandemic on both the program site and the location of the youth's home pass prior to a youth's departure from the site. Leadership shall identify any community or placing agency "hot spots" of likely contagion and review the trajectory of positive cases (or percent of positive tests) within the applicable community.

Should a significant risk of infection be identified, Site Leadership shall engage in one or more of the following options:

1. Work with the placing agency to postpone the home pass until the risk of infection is lessened and arrange for alternatives to the home pass such as use of video conferencing and/or on-site family visits.
2. Ensure that the Placing Agency and/or the entity requiring the home pass is fully aware that the youth will be subject to the Return-to-Site protocols outlined below prior to departure on the home pass.
3. Work with the placing agency to discharge a youth in lieu of sending the youth on a home pass if the youth is almost complete with the program and it would be in the best interest of the youth and the site to not have the youth return and be placed in quarantine for 7-14 days per the protocols described below.

Recommended Home Pass Off-Site Safety Protocols

Site Leadership shall work with youth and their families participating in home passes during a pandemic to educate them on measures they can take to be less likely to contract the virus during the home pass. Specifically, Site Leadership shall complete the following actions prior to the start of the home pass:

- Meet with the youth to review steps that can be taken to limit the potential spread of the virus and his/her responsibilities to stay safe while on the home pass, i.e. limit activities outside of the home and in large gatherings.

- Provide the family with a letter outlining the expectations that the program has on the family and their efforts to limit potential exposure to the youth during the home pass and any educational materials regarding the virus.
- Provide the youth and/or family with a small supply of surgical masks to use during the home pass.

Protocols for Youth Returning from a Home Pass

If it is deemed by the placing agency that it is in the youth’s best interest to complete a home visit despite the identified risks of infection then ROP shall proceed with the following actions upon the youth’s return to site:


1. Youth shall shower and change clothes immediately upon return to the site and shall not interact with any other youth until these tasks are complete.
2. Youth shall be isolated from the site’s general population and subject to symptom monitoring upon their return to site. The duration of the quarantine shall be determined based upon one of the following 3 scenarios:
 - A. If a youth remains symptom-free and has a COVID-19 PCR Test administered on or after the 5th day of quarantine that youth may be released from quarantine after 7 days if the results of the Test are negative and he/she does not experience any symptoms prior to release **or**
 - B. If a youth remains symptom-free for 10 days upon return that youth may be released from quarantine after 10 days even if he/she does not receive a COVID-19 PCR Test for the virus **or**
 - C. If a youth exhibits any symptoms during the 14 days after his/her return then he/she shall remain in quarantine a minimum of 14 days and be subject to COVID-19 testing or extended quarantine as determined by medical staff.
3. All youth shall be subject to symptom monitoring for a full 14 days upon return to site even if they are released from quarantine after 7 or 10 days.

In the event the youth tests positive for the virus he/she shall be subject to the protocols outlined in policy 700.118 Epidemic Pandemic Plan Protocol and any related ROP policies.

Related Policies:

- 600.358 Student Home Pass Policy
- 700.118 Epidemic Pandemic Plan Protocol
- 700.118 ADD Phased Approach to Safe Operations

Policy Version History and Reference Information

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