

High Watch Recovery Center
COVID-19 Admissions Policy and Procedures

New admissions are approved by medical director based on their safety and risk assessment, which is completed by telephone prior to the prospective guest's arrival.

Upon arrival to campus, the guest is breathalyzed by the Admissions Department prior to entry into the building.

The Nursing Department checks their temperature prior to entering the building. If the guest's temperature is above 100.4, the Medical Director is called at that time and the guest is sent home.

Guests are initially placed in a separated area and admissions begins the admissions process. The initial intake interviews take place either in the infirmary or a modular office. Admissions staff dons a mask and gloves for this process.

All admission paperwork is signed while in the separated area. Included in this paperwork is the CDC COVID19 Screening 2.0 form that includes questions regarding whether the individual have been out of country, whether the individual has had a temperature in the last two weeks or if the individual has been exposed to COVID19. If the individual answers yes to any of these questions, the Medical Director is notified for further instruction.

The Admission nurse then dons proper PPE including a face shield, mask, face guard and gloves and performs the nasal-pharyngeal test for COVID19. All the equipment and instructions for the test are provided in each individual kit box. The kits are overnighted via UPS to Mailbox Diagnostics in Kentucky and results are returned within 1-2 days to the CEO and Director of Nursing's email who then notify the appropriate staff. The test results are scanned into each guest's chart.

The Admission nurse then performs the COVID19 IgM/IgG rapid test to determine if the guest has the antibodies for COVID19. Results are read in 10 minutes.

Guests are then placed into modular housing until the nasal pharyngeal test comes back. If the nasal pharyngeal test comes back negative they are placed into the community. If a test comes back positive, that guest is immediately quarantined in their room, and the Medical Director is notified for further instructions and they are discharged appropriately.