

## Advent House Coronavirus Policy Green Phase

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**Introduction:** Advent House (AH) has made several adaptive changes to the facility as well as its programming in order to protect its members and residents from the SARS-CoV2 pandemic. These adaptive changes which are known as Advent House's Coronavirus Policy have been outlined in three distinctive phases. These phases are "Red Phase," "Yellow Phase," and "Green Phase." Transition between each phase will take place after the AH Coronavirus Committee (AHCC) has met to discuss a transition. The AHCC consist of members from the AH Board of Directors, AH residents, AH student leaders, and AH Staff. The AHCC will only meet after the Knoxville County Health Department changes its "Benchmarks for Reopening Traffic Light" for the category of "sustained reduction or stability in new cases for 14 days" ([KCHD, 2020b](#)) to a new color or upon the request of the AH Board of Directors. Any changes in the AH Coronavirus Policy Phases or in the Policy will be updated on the AH website ([adventhouse.org](http://adventhouse.org)) and disseminated to our residents *via* email and paper copies. A copy of AH's active phase will be posted by each entrance to the house with a poster containing a summary (see Figure 1).

Below is the Advent House Coronavirus Policy: **Green Phase**

### **Integrative Technologies:**

*Thermometers* - Advent House will have two no-touch thermometers at the house. A hand-held one at the front door and a wall mounted thermometer by the back door inside the mudroom which leads to the kitchen. Signs will be posted by both thermometers with step by step instructions detailing what to do if a fever is detected (See Figure 2).

*Sinks* – Each sink will be equipped with a "SinkBlink20" timer which will automatically count for 20 sec upon the faucet being turned on (Huber, 2020). More information can be found on their website at [sinkblink20.com](http://sinkblink20.com). Hand washing instructions will be posted by all sinks (see Figure 3) in addition to the displayed SinkBlink20 signs (see Figure 4).

*Masks* – ACF cloth masks will be provided to all AH Residents. Disposable masks, which are stored in individual bags, will be located near the back entrance for any guest that will be entering the premise.

*Self-Screening* – AH Staff will complete the UTK daily health self-screening form each day. It is also recommended by UTK that all UTK students also fill out the daily health self-screening form each day as well ([UTK, 2020](#)).

### **Resident & Guest Requirements:**

Advent House will be open to residents, essential personnel, and guests of residents. Each resident may have up to two guests over the house, but will be limited to having guests over once per day. Only one resident will have two guests over at a time. In order to avoid multiple residents having guests over at the same time, residents will coordinate among themselves *via* the house group chat before bringing a guest over. Guests will only be permitted in public areas, with the exception of the apartments. Guests will be allowed to stay overnight and past 10 pm. AH policy will change to the Red Phase during the stay of an overnight guest. An overnight guest will still need to be approved anonymously and unanimously by the other residents. Guests will be required to send contact info to AH staff through the AH website ([adventhouse.org](http://adventhouse.org)). The contact form can be found at the bottom of the home page. A guest is any person who is invited to AH that is not a current resident or essential personnel. Guests include but are not limited to classmates, friends, and family members. Essential personnel include, but are not limited to, construction workers, repairmen, and medical staff.

Entry to the main house will only take place through the back door which leads to the kitchen. Upon entering the main house, the residents and essential personnel will be required to take their temperature on the hands-free no-touch wall thermometer located in the mudroom. If a fever is detected then an alarm will sound, after which residents and essential personnel will follow the instructions outlined on the signage next to the thermometer (See Figure 2). It is worth noting that non-residents with a fever will not be permitted to enter the facility.

Masks must be carried inside the public areas of the main house at all times, even when one is alone in the house. Masks must be worn when 6 feet physical distancing cannot be maintained. e.g. when two people are cooking or watching a movie together. Apartments A and B will be required to have masks worn at all times during the visit of a guest, essential personnel, or another Advent House resident other than the apartment occupant.

Upon entering the house, residents, essential personnel, and guests will be required to wash hands at the kitchen sink or first floor bathroom sink. These sinks are equipped with SinkBlink20 technology and will have instructions posted by them (see Figure 3), (see Figure 4).

### **Event Changes:**

AH and Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) events/activities will be permitted to take place inside the AH facility during this phase. Events will still be held outside when weather allows.

*Events Inside* – Food will not be provided and meetings will not take place in the kitchen. Entrance to events will be through the front door. Each event participant's temperature will be taken at the front door. Entry will not be granted to non-residents with a fever. Masks will be worn at all times during an event. The living room and basement projector room capacity will each not exceed more than 5 people. The rooms will be marked with seating at least 6 feet apart from each other.

*Events Outside* - AH will provide an outdoors seating area with portable plastic/metal chairs, which will be spaced out at least 6 feet apart. Chairs and other surfaces will be wiped

down after each event. AH will also have a portable canopy with mosquito nets for walls. This will provide protection from rain and insects.

All participants at AH events, both inside and out, will be required to sign in and provide their contact information *via* google document, or through the AH website contact form. Bible studies, as well as other events, will still have an online option *via* Zoom or other virtual platforms.

**Guidelines for events outside of the AH facility:**

We recommend that all AH students and residents follow CDC ([CDC, 2020a](#)) and KCHD ([KCHD 2020a](#)) guidelines when attending other events both indoors and outside.

**In the event that a resident is sick with COVID-19:**

Advent House will comply with all CDC recommendations on “If a resident in your facility has COVID-19 (suspected or confirmed)” ([CDC, 2020b](#)). The following is a summary of the CDC guidelines written in the context of our facility. More information can be found on their website ([CDC, 2020b](#)).

Residents are not required by law to notify AH staff if they think they may or have a confirmed case of COVID-19. In the event that a resident does choose to disclose to AH staff that they have been tested and confirmed positive for COVID-19 or that they suspect they have COVID-19, AH staff will work with KCHD to notify everyone in the house who may have been exposed, had close contact with the sick person, while maintaining the confidentiality of the sick person as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and, if applicable, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) ([CDC, 2020b](#)).

The resident that has become ill will be provided with information on [how to care for themselves](#) and [when to seek medical attention](#) ([CDC, 2020b](#)). AH staff will also help the ill resident to the extent possible to get medical and spiritual assistance needed during the period.

Residents with [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and those in close contacts with them will be encouraged to self-isolate and limit their use of shared spaces as much as possible ([CDC, 2020b](#)). The Bathroom upstairs will be reserved for those that are ill from COVID-19 while the bathroom in the basement and first floor will be reserved for other residents ([CDC, 2020b](#)).

AH staff will provide transportation for any resident (suspected of having or having a confirmed case COVID-19) in need of transportation for testing or non-urgent medical care ([CDC, 2020b](#)).

The protective measures in response to a resident contracting the Coronavirus at Advent House will end after the ill resident has had 10 days symptom-free or at a later date per the recommendations of the CDC ([CDC, 2020c](#)), KCHD ([KCHD, 2020a](#)), or the individual’s healthcare provider.

## Figures

Figure 1

### *Green Phase Poster Summary*

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**Residents & guest Requirements**

- ▶ Residents, essential personnel, and guest are allowed
- ▶ Each resident can bring two guest over the house at a time, once per day. Residents must coordinate with each other to not have guest over at the same time. Guest are only permitted in common areas, with the exception of the apartments.
- ▶ Guest can stay overnight, but resident requirements will revert back to the Red Phase for the duration of the guests stay. Overnight guests will still need to be approved anonymously and unanimously by the other residents. Guests will be required to send contact info to AH through the AH website.
- ▶ Temperature check required (No entry with fever)
- ▶ Mask must be carried at all time and worn when 6 feet physical distancing can not be maintained between people, e.g. when two people are cooking or watching a movie together.
- ▶ Must wash hands upon entering

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**Event Changes**

- ▶ Meetings online
- ▶ Events will take place outside (Weather permitting).
- ▶ Meetings will take place inside, but will not take place in the kitchen. Food will NOT be provided.
- ▶ Entrance to events will be through the front door only. Each event participant's temperature will be taken at the front door (No entry with fever).
- ▶ Masks will be worn at all times.
- ▶ Contact info will be recorded on a google doc when everyone attends.
- ▶ Living room and basement capacity will each not exceed more than 5 people. The rooms will be marked with seating  $\geq 6$  feet apart from each other.

*Note.* The Green Phase Poster Summary outlines the major topics of the Advent House Covid-19 Policy for the Green Phase.

Figure 2



*What to Do If a Fever is Present Sign*

*Note.* A sign with step by step instructions for residents and non-residents to follow in the event that a fever is detected.

Figure 3

*Handwashing Sign*



*Note.* A sign illustrated and labeled with instructions, showing how to properly wash hands for 20 seconds.

Figure 4

*SinkBlink20 Sign*



*Note.* SinkBlink20 sign explains the function of the sink light. The sign also contains a QR code that links to the SinkBlink20's Facebook page (Huber, 2020).

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