

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 consists 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 14 day trend line for daily new covid-19 cases or upon the request of the AH Board of Directors. Changes in the 14 day trend line will be considered when it transitions from a state of inclined, neutral, or negative growth. Any changes in the AH Coronavirus Policy Phases or in the Policy will be updated on the AH website (adventhouse.org) and disseminated to our residents *via* email and notified by physical mail. A paper copy will be provided upon request of a resident. 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 a no-touch thermometer at the house. The wall mounted thermometer will be by the front door inside the foyer. A sign will be posted by the thermometer 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. 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 will be located near the front entrance for any guest that will be entering the premise.

Guest Requirements:

Advent House will be open to residents, essential personnel, and guests of residents. Each resident may have several guests over the house at a time. Guests will be permitted in public areas, and in private rooms. Guests will be allowed to stay overnight and past 10 pm. AH

policy will remain the same 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). 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 for non-residents will only take place through the front door which leads to the foyer. AH residents may enter through the front or back door. Upon entering the main house, the residents, guests, and essential personnel will be required to take their temperature on the hands-free no-touch wall thermometer located in the foyer. If a fever is detected then an alarm will sound, after which residents and essential personnel will follow the instruction outlined on the signage next to the thermometer (See Figure 2). It is worth noting that a non-resident with fever will not be permitted to enter the facility. Guests and essential personnel will also be asked: Have you or someone you live with been sick with in the last 48 hours? In the event that an individual answers yes they will be politely asked to not enter the Advent House facility till they or their housemate has recovered.

Residents and guests will not be required to wear masks when spending time with a guest or essential personnel, though masks will be provided to anyone that would like to receive one ([CDC, 2022a](#)). Upon entering the house, residents, essential personnel, and guests will be required to wash hands at the kitchen or first floor bathroom sinks. 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 can be held outside when weather allows.

Events Inside – Food can be provided and meetings can 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. The living room and basement projector room capacity will each not exceed more than 20 people. Seating will not be marked 6 feet apart though social distancing will be encouraged when possible ([CDC, 2022a](#)).

Events Outside - AH will provide an outdoors seating area with portable plastic/metal chairs, Chair 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, when possible.

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



Green Policy

Residents & guest Requirements

- ▶ Residents, essential personnel, and guest are allowed.
- ▶ Guests will be required to send contact info to AH through the AH website.
 - ▶ Please to go AdventHouse.org and fill out our contact form at the bottom of our home page.
- ▶ Temperature check required (No entry with fever)
- ▶ Masks are not required, but are available for anyone that request one.

Event Changes

- ▶ Meetings will take place inside.
- ▶ 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 are optional and will be provided to anyone upon request.
- ▶ Guest contact info will be recorded through the AH website.

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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