

IOWA WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM NOTICE 21-05

TO: Executive Directors and Weatherization Coordinators

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RE: Iowa Weatherization Emergency Health Preparedness Policy

Effective immediately, the Emergency Health Preparedness Policy has been replaced with the following practices:

The following is the DCAA minimum protocol – agencies may implement stricter protocol guidelines in accordance with agency policies or federal, state and/or local protocol.

Pre-Audit Protocol:

- As a part of the pre-audit screening ask the client if they would answer some health questions to include (but not limited to) (document answers):
 - Has anyone in the household tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 7 days?
 - Have anyone in the household been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 in the last 7 days?
- If a client has indicated any of these health issues, note it and defer the audit for 5 days.
 Contact the client after 5 days, if no symptoms persist, weatherization work may proceed.

Job-Site Protocol – Auditor, Crew/Contractor, Inspector

- Fully vaccinated staff/contractors:
 - Use PPE equipment (face mask at a minimum) if the client requests or the staff person prefers.
 - Perform work as normal
- Unvaccinated staff/contractors or if vaccination status is undetermined:
 - Upon arrival at the job site, staff and crew/contractor don PPE (minimum face mask cloth, or surgical) Use full PPE suit/gown if the client requests or the staff person prefers.
 - PPE must remain in place until ready to leave the site.
 - Maintain social distance of at least 6 feet
 - Perform work as normal
 - Remove and dispose of PPE using proper protocol after leaving the house
 - Clean and sanitize hands

