

# FORT BRAGG FISHER HOUSE COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR REFERRALS

In an effort to promote safety and limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this directive is intended to mitigate risk to our mission by maintaining a healthy and safe environment for staff and families referred to the Fort Bragg Fisher House as a loved one receives medical care at Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC).

1. All individuals receiving Fisher House accommodations are considered “visitors” and must be screened by Case Management or other clinical staff for possible placement at the Fisher House.
2. Only **ONE** family member per patient will be considered to stay at the Fisher House.
3. Fisher House Eligibility Screening:
  - a. Confirm all potential guests meet Fisher House eligibility criteria as outlined on the Fisher House referral form (see attached).
  - b. In addition to Fisher house eligibility screening, individuals must be considered eligible to visit patients at the bedside according to WAMC COVID-19 precautionary measures.
  - c. When requesting Fisher House Accommodations, the clinical teams must confirm that the individual’s ongoing presence at the bedside of the hospitalized Service Member /Dependent is **essential** (e.g., Service Member/Dependent is critically ill, caregiver receiving training to support discharge of patient, clinician supports having family member at the bedside of the patient). Fisher House Manager will work with clinical teams to define essential presence at the bedside.” The definition of “essential” may vary depending on the unique Service Members/Dependent’s circumstances.
  - d. All individuals requesting Fisher House accommodations must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to making Fisher House accommodations. Screening should occur by the referring hospital staff member. Screening questions will include:
    - i. Are you having fevers or other symptoms of a cold or flu?
    - ii. Have you traveled to China, Iran, Europe, Japan or South Korea in the past two weeks; or was someone in your home, work or school class diagnosed by a healthcare provider with the 2019 corona virus?
    - iii. If the response is **YES** to these questions, the individual(s) will not be eligible for Fisher House accommodations.
    - iv. If the response is **No** to these questions, please remind the individual that they may be screened again upon arrival to WAMC. If the individual refuses screening upon arrival, they will not be permitted access to the Fisher House.

Referring staff must document in the "Are there any special considerations we need to be aware of" section of the Fisher House Referral.

The safety of our Fisher House families and our staff is of the highest priority. We need to work together to ensure quality and safety amidst our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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