



### SEVERE WEATHER

1. If a severe weather announcement has been issued, account for all residents and staff and assure the safety for all. It is recommended to follow facility guidance.
2. Make sure everyone is inside.
3. Keep all residents away from windows.
4. For tornado: Gather residents in the hallway that are able to ambulate and close all resident room and fire doors.
  - a. Refer to facility policy for severe weather for protecting all residents from any flying debris.
  - b. For any resident in transmission based precautions healthcare personnel should don appropriate PPE and move the residents, including COVID positive or symptomatic residents, which are able to be moved into the hallway.
    - Instruct the resident to put on facemask, and place a clean sheet/blanket wrapped around resident and wheelchair and brought to the hallway.
    - If the clean sheet or blanket is not available then use a gown to cover the resident.
    - The sheet, blanket or gown should cover the resident wheelchair and hands.
      - Keep all transmission based resident as far away as possible from the other residents not in precautions as much as possible (3 to 6 feet).
5. Critical ventilated residents or bed-bound residents: Cover all residents with extra blankets, sheets and protect airway and head of bed. Privacy curtains can be used to wrap up the resident for added protection. Move the resident away from the windows into the interior of the room closest to the doorway with feet facing the door hallway.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General questions from the public or healthcare provider inquiries about COVID-19 may be directed to the ISDH COVID-19 Call Center at the toll-free number 877-826-0011 (available 24/7).

Additional information and resources for COVID-19 are available at the links below.

- CDC COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>
- ISDH COVID-19 webpage: <https://coronavirus.in.gov>