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**POLICY REGARDING REQUESTS FOR SHELTER, SHELTERED GUESTS AND / OR
COMMUNITY GUEST WHEN EXPOSURE TO BEDBUGS IS KNOWN OR SUSPECTED**

It is the policy of the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center (BCHHHC) to admit otherwise qualified applicants / guests to its shelter program provided the applicant/guest agrees to the following:

- The applicant / guest will not bring anything into the BCHHHC this includes clothes, books, wallet, purse, personal items, shoes, etc., that have been in an environment suspected to have bedbugs.
- The applicant / guest will immediately upon arrival at the BCHHHC take a shower. The clothing the applicant / guest arrive in will be bagged up by staff and sent for proper laundering. Personal items such as books, wallet, purse, shoes will be discarded, if they have come in contact with known or suspected bedbugs. BCHHHC will not be responsible for replacing personal items. However, the BCHHHC will provide the guest access to donations available at the BCHHHC at that time such as clothing and basic toiletries.
- The BCHHHC can employ the use of Nuvan Prostrips for the prevention and treatment of kill bed bugs.
- The BCHHHC can employ the use of Verifi Units that draws in bugs to the unit to show if there is any bed bug activity.
- The applicant / guest will agree not to visit or bring any items into the BCHHHC from the site of suspected contamination.
- The applicant / guest will agree to meet with the BCHHHC Wellness Nurse for an examination if requested by the BCHHHC staff.

The above policy is for the health and safety of the applicant, guests, staff and public who stay and / or utilize services at the BCHHHC.

Should the applicant / guest fail to abide by these conditions the BCHHHC reserve the right to refuse and or discontinue services at the BCHHHC.