

COVID19 Safety for Onsite ASL Interpreters

At Sign Language Interpreting Professionals, we are committed to making sure the Deaf community has continued access to quality communication! We have ramped up our offerings of Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) and are reaching out to the experts to make sure interpreters are keeping safe while providing onsite services (when required) especially in the healthcare settings.

During the Allegheny County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) meeting, SLIP's Vice President Danielle Filip asked Dr. Kristen Mertz, medical epidemiologist from the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), how ASL interpreters should protect themselves while providing onsite services to patients infected with COVID19.

Dr. Mertz suggested that interpreters in medical settings would be safe, and at low risk of transmission, if a 6+ foot distance is maintained so long as the patient is wearing a mask.

Additionally, we are reminding interpreters to continue to ask for site specific guidance to ensure their safety and to follow good hygiene, and handwashing procedures.

A pandemic is something none of us have experienced before, we all have questions and want to be sure we understand what is happening around us. Rest assured we are doing our part to make sure that the basic human right of communication is readily available!

Together, we will  through these trying times to the other side.

Contact us for more information!



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