**Marshall County Group Homes, Inc.**

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| **UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS (ANSWERS)** |

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1. What is the purpose of Universal Precautions?

**Provides guidelines for things like hand washing, for infection prevention and control, and to prevent communicable diseases.**

1. Why is it important to keep the homes clean and who is responsible?

 **To prevent persons served from becoming ill due to illnesses and communicable diseases.**

1. Why do we talk about safety at all monthly meetings?

 **To be sure to report any building and equipment deterioration, safety hazards and**

 **unsanitary conditions so they are corrected.**

1. What is important about the proper storage of food?

**Food will be obtained, handled, and properly stored to prevent contamination, spoilage, or a threat to persons served.**

1. Can chemicals or detergents be stored with food or drinks?

**No, chemicals and detergents need to be stored away from food and drinks in their own storage area**

1. What items should each person served have of their own?
	1. **Hair comb/brush and hair accessories.**
	2. **Toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss.**
	3. **Cosmetics.**
	4. **Deodorants.**
	5. **Razors/shavers.**
	6. **Bath soap/body wash.**
	7. **Shampoo/conditioner.**
2. What is the single most important practice for preventing the spread of disease and infection?

**Hand washing.**

1. What should staff wear as a barrier between hands and any potential source of infection?

**Gloves.**

1. When providing direct care to persons served, what should you be wearing besides gloves to help protect yourself?

**Face mask/face shield and gown if necessary**