

## **COVID-19 Information**

***COVID-19 cases have been reported in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple U.S. territories; many having wide-spread community transmission. Given the high risk of spread once COVID-19 enters a LTCF, facilities must act immediately to protect residents, families, and staff from serious illness, complications, and death.***

### **1. In order to keep COVID-19 from entering our facility we are:**

- Restricting all visitors except for compassionate care situations (e.g., end-of-life).
- Restricting all volunteers and non-essential healthcare personnel, including consultant services (e.g., barber, hairdresser).
  1. Salons have been allowed to reopen in the state but for health care providers such as ourselves we have been told that we are not able to reopen our salons at this time. When we are able to reopen we will send out communication along with the guidelines we will follow.
- Actively screening anyone entering the building (Employees, ancillary staff, vendors, consultants) for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 before starting each shift; send ill personnel home.
- Activities in the community at large are not being scheduled (e.g. bus rides, outings)

### **2. In order to identify infections early we are:**

- Actively screening all health center residents daily for fever and symptoms of COVID-19; if symptomatic, we would immediately isolate and implement appropriate Transmission-Based Precautions. If tenants in our assisted living present with symptoms we would immediately isolate and implement appropriate protocols as noted above.
- The facility is monitoring ill residents including documentation of temperature and oxygen saturation.
- We would notify our state or local health department immediately (<24 hours) if these occur:
  - Severe respiratory infection causing hospitalization or sudden death
  - Clusters ( $\geq 3$  residents and/or HCP) of respiratory infection
  - Individuals with confirmed COVID-19

### **3. To prevent spread of COVID-19 we continue to:**

- Cancel all group activities and communal dining.

- Enforce social distancing among residents.
- Ensure residents wear a face covering for source control whenever they leave the facility for essential medical appointments.
- Ensure all employees wear a facemask for source control while in the facility. For the frontline staff working with residents in the health care area they are wearing face mask and eye protection if they are within close proximity of the residents.
- If COVID-19 is identified in the facility,
  - Public health, State departments, residents, family and staff are notified by the facility administrator and recommendations are followed.

We will continue to communicate updates and post these updates to our website.