

COVID-19 FAQ Safety Precautions

◆ Summary of our safety precautions

COVID-19 is a highly contagious pathogen to which the elderly and those with compromised immune systems are most vulnerable. The rationale for all of the steps we are taking are based on current scientific literature, which is constantly evolving. Understand that the precautions we encourage are done with the best interest of your loved ones in mind.

◆ Why are we encouraging residents to stay in their rooms?

We encourage self-isolation for the safety of all our residents to prevent or minimize possible transmission. The verbiage the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) communicates is, "Encourage residents to remain in their room. If there are cases in the facility, restrict residents (to the extent possible) to their rooms except for medically necessary purposes."

For more information, please go to this website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>

◆ Why are we not testing all residents and staff?

Presently, neither the CDC, Florida Assisted Living Association, American Healthcare Association, National Assisted Living Association, nor the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are recommending testing of asymptomatic people. This is due to the shortage of testing supplies, as well as the potential for added delays in obtaining results that may impact the treatment of a symptomatic person. At this time, the CDC recommends team members complete a respiratory and temperature screening prior to working, wearing a mask at all times, and practicing social distancing. We are going a step above that and screening team members twice per shift. Team members who are involved in resident care are wearing masks, gowns, and gloves when providing care. This provides an added layer of protection for our residents and team members.

For more information, please go to these websites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/priority-testing-patients.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>

Ensuring our residents are cared for in a safe and healthy environment is our first priority. We have prepared for this and please know that our number one concern is to keep our residents and team members safe. We want to assure you that we continue to follow the recommendations of local, state, and federal agencies including the National Center for Assisted Living and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) during this international outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are actively monitoring our residents and staff for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. We're following CDC, local, and state recommendations for management of COVID-19.

If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to notify us at
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