



Update September 11,2020:

We are happy to report that we continue to be Covid-free. We are thankful to our residents, team members, family members, and local Colorado Springs community for continued efforts in keeping each other safe!

Update September 4, 2020:

We are happy to announce that we continue to be symptom and Covid-free. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) today released guidance for indoor visitation in residential care facilities. We will be working with El Paso County health department and the CDPHE to ensure all protocols are met for re-opening to visitors.

Update: August 28, 2020:

We are pleased to share that our community continues to remain Covid-free. We are currently scheduling window visits and will begin outdoor visitation on September 3, 2020. All visitors must wear masks at all times on our campus and practice social distancing. Please contact our Life Enrichment Director to schedule your visit.

**Please see our most recent update about our Covid-19 Response and Policies:**

Update: Aug. 20, 2020

As the progression of Covid-19 has affected the entire country, we remain committed to the health and wellness of our residents and team members. New Dawn Memory Care has been implementing extra precautions since the first reports of confirmed Coronavirus cases in the United States. We are following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS), Local Health Authorities, and state guidelines in each of our locations.

New Dawn Memory Care has taken this matter seriously as news developed regarding Covid-19. Our policies and procedures are updated and implemented as health authority guidelines change. The following actions have been taken since early-March.

**Community Response to COVID-19:**

- We have detailed and specific plans in place for a wide range of emergencies and illnesses. Our staff is trained in infection control practices, and we follow these protocols every day. We have ensured that our policies reflect up-to-date information provided by health authorities. We continue to provide additional training on an ongoing basis.
- We have increased and enhanced our cleaning procedures. We have purchased and implemented the use of the Bioesque's Botanical Disinfectant Solution and Victory Innovations Electrostatic Sprayer—a combination that can be safely used on all surfaces that kills Coronavirus.
- Public outings and events were discontinued.



- Individual resident engagement activities were continued, but we are no longer hosting group activities where social distancing cannot reasonably be maintained.
- Medical appointments are not disrupted, and telehealth is implemented where appropriate.
- Visitation is currently being limited to meet the local regulatory guidelines of each of our locations.
- All individuals entering our communities must sign in, sharing their contact information and agreement to our COVID-19 policies in addition to being screened by a temporal thermometer and must affirm a series of necessary questions in regard to COVID-19 risk factors attesting they have no signs nor symptoms, and have not traveled to an area of outbreak. In addition, all visitors must sign in, sharing their contact information, and agreement to policies regarding COVID-19.
- We are equipped with necessary PPE including surgical masks, N95 masks, gloves, gowns, and eye protection. Our team members must wear a mask and protective eyewear.

#### **Visitor Protocol:**

We appreciate your understanding at this time while we only allow essential visitors such as employees, medical professionals, and state agency personnel, as identified by state and federal guidelines inside our communities' buildings. Virtual visits are being scheduled regularly. Window visits and outdoor visits are being offered based on the guidelines of our local health authorities.

Visitors are screened prior to entry in the community and must limit contact within community, practice frequent hand hygiene, use appropriate PPE such as masks, and follow any additional direction provided by community staff members.

#### **Screenings for Employees and Visitors Include:**

- Confirmation that visitor is clear of symptoms of Covid-19, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, sore throat, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, loss of taste or smell.
- Affirmation that visitor has not received a positive Covid test within 10 days prior to visit.
- Confirmation that visitor has not been exposed to someone with Covid-19 within 14 days of visit.
- Confirmation that visitor has not traveled outside local area within 14 days of visit.

#### **If a Confirmed Case Were to Occur:**



If a confirmed case of COVID-19 were to occur within one of our communities, we will notify our residents along with their emergency contact, as well as continue to act in full compliance with local and state health authorities as well as the CDC. We will follow guidelines to decrease chances for exposure.

#### **Scheduled Visits:**

We understand the desire to connect with loved ones during this time. We are following these guidelines to help keep our residents and staff safe. We have set up technology to help keep our residents connected to loved ones virtually such as Skype, FaceTime, or phone calls. Please connect with the community staff to set up a virtual visit with a loved one.

We will have open window visits and outdoor visits as local health authorities allow. Please contact the community for the status of these type of visits and to learn how to schedule your visit.

#### **Going Forward:**

As we navigate this challenge, we remain focused on providing exceptional care and service for our residents. This includes sharing regular updates and information and taking any precautions required to limit the spread of illness or misinformation. We are thankful to our care staff and care partners in their efforts to provide the best in care and comfort for our residents.

We are confident in the guidelines set forth by the CDC and our local Department of Health. We encourage the local community to be proactive in preventing the spread of disease, but to avoid unsubstantiated rumors. For more information, please visit:

[https://www.cdc.gov/?mc\\_cid=ab223b0f90&mc\\_eid=a54bab434e](https://www.cdc.gov/?mc_cid=ab223b0f90&mc_eid=a54bab434e)

#### **For Updates:**

We continue to provide updates on our Facebook page. Please visit our Facebook page or the Facebook page of one of our Radiant communities. For questions, please connect with the Executive Director of the Community.

You may also call our dedicated phone line with our updates and responses to COVID-19: 719-400-6580

Thank you for your understanding with extra protocols at this time and for being diligent about your own response to this virus. To read our tips on preventing the spread of illnesses, visit:

<http://blog.radiantseniorliving.com/preventing-the-spread-of-illnesses/>