



Update October 2, 2020:

We are committed in continual communication regarding the status of our policies and procedures for Covid-19. Our community Facebook page is updated regularly with information. As policies are updated, we also edit our website's emergency response banner with up-to-date information.

Due to the added risks of vacating the building, when fire evacuations were happening locally, and interactions with various individuals that would normally not take place, we made the choice to re-test all of our residents and staff for Covid-19. **We are pleased to share that all tests have been completed and have received negative test results.**

While awaiting the final two test results, we will continue to monitor all residents for any Covid-19 relative symptoms. In the event your family member exhibits any symptoms or receives positive test results, our team will contact you directly.

Our Policies and Procedures

As the progression of Covid-19 has affected the entire country, we remain dedicated to the health and wellness of our residents and team members. We have 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.

Sweetbriar Villa 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.



- All individuals entering our community 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 understand the desire of our family members to want to connect with their loved ones in a meaningful way during this unprecedented time. We are working diligently to safely allow visitation opportunities with our residents. As the weather changes, we are looking for ways to continue in-person visitation opportunities with guidance from local health authorities.

We appreciate your understanding currently while we only allow approved visitors inside our buildings. Depending on local regulations outdoor, window, and virtual visits are being scheduled as allowed. We encourage you to reach out to our team about current regulations regarding visitors.

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, 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.

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

For Updates:

We continue to provide updates on our Facebook page. For questions, please connect with the Executive Director of the Community.

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/>