

COVID-19 UPDATE

We have had employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 and they have not worked since developing symptoms. We screen all employees prior to the start of their shifts and prior to entering the units for temperatures and signs of respiratory infections. We are in communication with Local and State Health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps. We are doing everything we can to ensure we stop the spread of this within our facility. Our staff and residents are following the recommended preventative actions.

Active measures we are taking and will continue to do to decrease the risk of viral spread within the facility include:

- Individuals who enter, including our staff and essential vendors must complete a health screening which includes temperature check, report of any covid-19 symptoms and covid-19 vaccine status.
- All visitors and vendors must have a negative antigen covid-19 test within 24 hours of entering the facility.
- Ongoing hand hygiene at high levels. This can be achieved with: Readily available alcohol-based hand sanitizers in locations such as in or near each resident's room, common areas, etc.
- Regular and frequent internal monitoring systems of hand hygiene with regular feedback to staff.
- Visual reminders that hand hygiene help residents stay healthy.
- Early identification of viral infections that cause upper respiratory illness (e.g. colds, or flu) that lead to steps that prevent viral spread.
- Preventative measures include: Early contact isolation and droplet protection for individuals with flu-like symptoms before a definitive diagnosis is made. This includes: Keeping ill individuals away from healthy individuals whenever possible.
- Use of masks on residents with symptoms if they need to leave their rooms.
- Use of personal protective equipment by staff for droplet and contact protection when appropriate.
- Enhanced environmental cleaning with use of appropriate cleaning products on surfaces that are EPA registered for COVID-19.
- Keeping informed of all new developments and recommendations from federal, state, and local regulatory agencies.

We continue to work with many different vendors and with the County Office of Emergency Management and New York State Office of Emergency Management to continue to receive the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).