

Heath Village Outbreak response:

Heath Village will implement the following precautions to protect the residents and staff during a COVID-19 outbreak. (we are currently not in an outbreak, so not all of these items currently apply)

**Health Care Center (skilled nursing facility) and Mayflower House (residential health care facility) - Measures that are implemented include:**

- As mandated by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, enactment of **no visitation** to our Health Care Center and Mayflower House by other than essential Heath Village personnel and approved outside vendors, lab, x ray and pharmacy.
- Residents are receiving all meals and activities in their rooms – no communal contact.
- We are restricting family doing resident's laundry; Heath Village staff will do the laundry for all residents at this time
- Daily screening of all personnel and other health care professionals prior to entering including temperature monitoring daily, and asking whether they have had a fever in the last 72 hours without medication, whether they have had a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, in the last 14 days if they have traveled internationally to a country with sustained community transmission of COVID 19, do you have close contact with a person who has been diagnosed or under investigation with Coronavirus or respiratory illness, do they reside or travel to a community where community based spread of COVID-19, any trips in the last 14 days to states on the quarantine list, or on a cruise ship, airport, or where crowds were confined in a common location as well as new patients to the Health Care Center and Mayflower House.
- All staff wear double masks with a surgical mask covering an N95 mask at all times.
- A stockpile of gowns and masks is available on the campus for use by staff during the outbreak.
- Active, ongoing COVID-19 surveillance of all residents in our Health Care Center and Mayflower House on each shift daily (3x/day) including temperature monitoring.
- Education of staff and Residents about COVID-19 transmission and adhering to precautions. Ongoing infection prevention retraining.
- Screening of staff travel and requiring medical clearance for return to work
- Monitoring of staff absenteeism by infection control nurse to ensure fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medication prior to returning to work.
- Requiring staff to stay home or leave work if respiratory symptoms appear and be tested and cleared by a physician before returning to work.
- Continued monitoring of CDC and federal and state updates about appropriate COVID-19 response.
- Testing of all residents and staff at least weekly.

- Resident and family/POA/guardian will be notified if the resident tests positive. They will be immediately isolated and if more than one resident, co-horted in a separate area of the facility for a minimum of 14 days or until 72 hours without a fever, whichever is longer.
- Sending a weekly email to all long term residents' families to keep them updated. A phone number has also been established where residents, families and friends can call to hear the latest update 908-684-5339. This will be updated whenever a new positive case or change in the re-opening status occurs.
- IPads are available on each floor to assist with facetimeing with family as requested.
- All staff are wearing masks in the health care center and Mayflower House at all times, and other appropriate PPE as required for the care of residents who require additional precautions.
- Any new admissions from the hospital are going to be on isolation precautions for 14 days.
- We are rigorously screening all potential admissions to ensure appropriate precautions are in place prior to admission.
- Outdoor visitation will be available Monday through Friday by appointment, scheduled through the social services office at 908-684-5237.
- Urgent concerns or complaints can be called into 908-684-5231. If the concern cannot be resolved, the manager on call will be notified to intercede.

During an outbreak the following would also be implemented:

For residents in Heath House, they are not confined to their apartments but are being monitored to ensure they are unable to sit close to each other during meals – we've removed chairs from the dining tables. Greatly discouraging visitors.

For independent residents – our shopping bus will be cancelled, and we are offering to shop for those who do not have family to assist them. We will also pick up prescriptions for them. Heath House is closed to all but the people who live there. If residents in outside apartments would like, they can order food from any of our menus and staff will deliver it to their apartments at no charge.

All formalized group activities would be cancelled and residents are discouraged to engaging in any gatherings. We will update the independent residents weekly with an informational letter and a treat delivered to their apartment mailbox. Additional updates will also go on our inhouse TV channel 1979.

