



OUTBREAK RESPONSE PLAN

Allegria at The Fountains has created and implemented an outbreak response plan in compliance with the guidelines issued in New Jersey Executive Directive 20-026, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the facilities Local Department of Health (LHD). This Outbreak Response Plan includes but is not limited to (1) Outbreak Response Measures, (2) Screening and protective measures, (3) testing of residents, employees, and other staff, (4) communication plan, (5) reporting outbreak plan, (6) visitation rules, and (7) emergency staffing preparedness.

1. Outbreak Response Measures

a. Guideline Monitoring & Compliance.

- The Facility closely monitors all Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”), New Jersey Department of Health Communicable Disease Service (“CDS”), New Jersey Department of Health (“NJDOH”), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) and Local Board of Health (“LHD”) guidelines and directives (collectively, the “Governmental Guidelines & Directives”) for information regarding any outbreak of new or reemerging infectious disease detected in the geographic region of the facility.
- If a new/reemergence of an infectious disease is detected, the Facility will follow its Infection Control policies and the measures and procedures set forth therein.

b. Control Measures.

- Control measures may include, but are not limited to, universal masking, isolating ill residents, cohorting residents, contact/droplet precautions, social distancing, and handwashing as well as PPE education and competencies. Environmental Measures will also be taken including, but not limited to, more frequent cleaning of high touch areas and the evaluation and the proper usage of cleaning and disinfectant agents.

2. Screening and Protective Measures

a. Screening.

- Screening is an essential defense to the introduction of Covid-19 into the Facility by employees, essential workers, healthcare personnel and all other permitted visitors. All employees, essential workers, healthcare personnel and all other permitted visitors entering the Facility will be actively screened.
- Any employees, essential workers, healthcare personnel and other permitted visitors shall be denied entrance into the Facility if the individual: (a) exhibits signs or symptoms of a respiratory or infection as delineated by all applicable Governmental Guidelines & Directives; or (b) has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not yet met criteria for the discontinuation of isolation in accordance with current Governmental Guidelines & Directives.

b. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

- If after screening, the employee, essential worker, healthcare personnel and or other permitted visitor is permitted to enter facility, the facility shall: (1) Require the individual to wear a facemask in the facility and additional protective equipment (PPE) as required by applicable Governmental Guidelines & Directives and such additional PPE as may be determined by the facility; (2) provide instruction to visitors, before the visitors enters the Facility, on hand hygiene, the location of handwashing stations, limiting surfaces touch and the use of PPE; and (3) limit the individual's movement within the Facility to those areas necessary to complete the vendor or visitor. The Facility trains all employees on proper use of PPE on an ongoing basis in accordance with applicable Governmental Guidelines & Directives.

3. Testing, Refusal of Testing & Cohortin.

a. Testing.

- The Facility utilizes only those testing methodologies that are approved by all applicable Governmental Guidelines & Directives. The Facility has tested, and will continue to test, the Facility's staff and residents for Covid-19 in accordance with all Governmental Guidelines & Directives and approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA); (2) authorized by the FDA through an Emergency Use Authorization; and/or (3) approved by the New Jersey Clinical Laboratory Improvement Service as permitted by the FDA.
- All newly admitted or readmitted patients/residents are isolated and tested during the isolation period in accordance with applicable Governmental

Guidelines & Directives before taking the resident or patient out of isolation.

The Facility closely monitors Governmental Guidelines & Directives and works closely with its local Health Department with respect to the frequency of testing and retesting which is updated in accordance with all applicable Governmental Guidelines & Directives as new guidance is issued based on epidemiology and data about the circulation of virus in the community and the Facility, if any.

b. Refusal of Testing.

- The Facility will preclude any Facility staff member from entry into the Facility if that staff member (i) refuses to participate in COVID-19 testing; and/or (ii) refuses to authorize release of their testing results to the Facility.
- Residents that refuse to be tested for Covid-19 will be placed on transmission based precautions in accordance with all applicable Governmental Guidelines & Directives.

c. Cohorting.

- The Facility will cohort residents, patients, equipment and staff, to the extent possible, according to most current applicable Governmental Guidelines & Directives.

4. Communication Plan

- The Facility will maintain an open line of communication with residents'/patients' representatives, if applicable, and their families including, but not limited to, actions taken by the Facility to prevent exposure to, and mitigate the risk of, COVID-19 spread. These updates will also include any new or suspected cases COVID-19 in the facility. All communication will be sent out in compliance with the frequency and content as required by all applicable and current Governmental Guidelines & Directives.
- The Facility also provides its residents and staff with continuous updates of the status of Covid19 at the Facility via email and via posting on the entry door daily.

5. Policies for Reporting Outbreaks

- The Facility shall comply with all reporting requirements of all applicable Governmental Guidelines & Directives including, but not limited to, reporting to the NHSN through the SAMS portal (overseen by the CDC) twice weekly as required by NJDOH Executive Directive No. 20-026.

6. Visitation

- All family visitations are conducted in accordance with the CDC's and NJDOH's health and safety precautions guidelines for visitations. Indoor visitation is currently available to all centers. End-of-Life, Compassionate Care, and Essential Caregivers in accordance with NJDOH Executive Directive No. 20-026 and CMS guidance is also available.
- Virtual communication (e.g. phone, video communication, Facetime, ZOOM) with residents, families, and resident representatives is available as an alternative to in-person visits.

7. Strategies for Securing Additional Staff in the Event of an Outbreak or Emergency

- The facility will utilize temporary staffing options, including using a pool of temporary employees, using temporary staffing services, or deploying consultants or contract workers, depending on the numbers, skill sets, and credentials needed to ensure that the Facility is always appropriately staffed in the midst of a pandemic caused staffing shortage.
- NJ DOH, CMS, and CDC Waivers of Staffing Standards will be utilized if necessary.

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