

Pandemic Emergency Plan

The BronxCare Special Care Center Pandemic Emergency Plan includes the following protocols for Resident, Staff, and Guest Safety. The Pandemic Hotline can be reached at 718-579-7001 for all updates on the facility status.

Our protocol for isolating and cohorting infected and at risk patients in the event of an outbreak of a contagious disease until the cessation of the outbreak which is described in the following policies, procedures, and protocols:

- Identification and Management of Ill Residents
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Infection Prevention and Control Measures
- Influenza Outbreak
- Isolation – Categories of Transmission-Based Precautions
- Cohort Plan – COVID-19

Policies for the notification of residents, residents' families, visitors, and staff in the event of an outbreak of a contagious disease at a facility which are described in the following policies, procedures, and protocols:

- Reporting Facility Data to Residents and Families
- Infectious Disease Threat Communications Plan

Information on the availability of laboratory testing, protocols for assessing whether facility visitors are ill, protocols to require ill staff to not present at the facility for work duties, and processes for implementing evidence-based outbreak response measures which are described in the following policies, procedures, and protocols:

- Lab and Diagnostic Test Results – Clinical Protocol
- Test Results
- COVID-19 Testing Protocol
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Education and Training
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Identification and Management of Ill Residents

- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Reporting Facility Data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Infection Prevention and Control Program
- Outbreak of Communicable Diseases
- Surveillance for Infections
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Visitors
- Limited Visitation During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Policies to conduct routine monitoring of residents and staff to quickly identify signs of a communicable disease that could develop into an outbreak which are described in the following policies and procedures:

- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Infection Prevention and Control Measures
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Identification and Management of Ill Residents
- Infectious Disease Threat Surveillance and Detection
- Infectious Disease Threat, Infection Control Measures During
- Employee Infection and Vaccination Status
- Surveillance for Infection

Policies for reporting outbreaks to public health officials in accordance with applicable laws and regulations which are described in the following proprietary policies and procedures:

- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Reporting Facility Data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Identification and Management of Ill Resident
 - Reporting Communicable Diseases
- Infection Prevention and Control Committee
- Infection Prevention and Control Program
- Infectious Disease Threat Surveillance and Detection

- Outbreak of Communicable Diseases

Methods to communicate information on mitigating actions implemented by the facility to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission, including if normal operations of the facility will be altered. Notifications shall not include personally identifiable information; these are described in the following policies, procedures, and protocols:

- Infectious Disease Threat Communications Plan
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Reporting Facility Data to Residents and Families

Methods to provide cumulative updates for residents, their representatives, and families of those residing in the facilities at least once weekly in particular during a curtailed visitation period.

- Infectious Disease Threat Communications Plan
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Reporting Facility Data to Residents and Families

Written Standards, policies and procedures that provide for virtual communication (e.g. phone video-communication, Facetime, etc.) with residents, families, and resident representatives, in the event of visitation restrictions due to an outbreak of infectious disease or in the event of an emergency which are described in the following proprietary policies, procedures, and protocols:

- Facilitating Communication and Virtual Visits During Restricted Visitation Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic
- Cleaning and Disinfection of Mobile Technology Devices protocol
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Visitors

A documented strategy for securing more staff in the event of a new outbreak of COVID-19 or any other infectious disease or emergency among staff which is described in the following policies, procedures, and protocols:

- Planning for Additional staffing needs
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) – Surge Capacity Staffing

A Policy for preserving a residents place at the facility when the resident is hospitalized. Such plan must comply with all applicable State and Federal Laws and regulations, including but not limited to 18 NYCRR 505.9(d)(6) and 42 CFR 483.15(e).

- Pandemic Bed Reservation Policy

A Policy for Purveying, Distribution, and Storage of a 60 Day Supply of PPE to include:

- N95 Respirators
- Face Shields
- Eye Protection
- Isolation Gowns
- Gloves
- Surgical Masks
- Hand Sanitizers

If you would like additional information about our response to COVID-19 or other infectious disease threats please contact us using our COVID hotline at 718-579-7001.

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