

*Arnold Walter Nursing Home*

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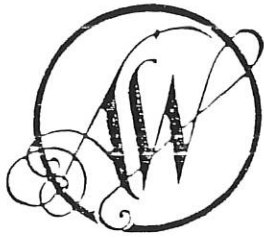
#### OUTBREAK PLAN:

As the facility proceeds through the three Phases to opening, the following points are essential:

- All Family members or Resident Representatives are requested to submit an E-mail address to serve as a vehicle for continued communication between Arnold Walter and the Families of our Residents. Communication is essential in the event of the need for Transmission Tracing, should you or your loved one exhibit symptoms, or test positive for Covid 19 within 14 days of your visit.
- For those who do not have E-mail capability, the Facility will continue to communicate through a weekly letter sent via the Postal Service. For family members on the Cultural wing, Ripa Thaker will serve as liaison, ensuring that the flow of information reaches all non-English speaking families.
- Regardless of the Phase for re-opening that the Facility has attained, should any Resident or 3 Staff members exhibit symptoms related to Covid 19, or test positive for the Covid 19 Virus, the facility will revert to Phase "0". The Residents will once again be sequestered in their rooms on the Nursing Unit, until a minimum of 14 days have passed, and 2 negative Covid screens have been obtained from the affected Resident. If Outdoor Visitation has begun, it will cease, as will all communal dining and activities.
- In the event that someone in the facility, Resident or Staff, tests positive for Covid 19, all family members will receive notification before 5P the following day. Additionally, all Residents and Staff will be notified of the outbreak within the same time frame. Weekly testing of all Residents and Staff for Covid 19, will continue until no further positive results are obtained. Thereafter, Residents will be tested only if they exhibit symptoms. Staff members will continue to be tested weekly.
- During curtailment of visitation, every effort will be made to communicate with Family members via video communication. The Facility website and Facebook page will serve to alert the Community at large should an outbreak occur. The web-site will be updated at least weekly.
- The communication vehicle through which information is passed to family members, will include contact information, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for the Administrative Nursing Staff, where urgent messages and concerns may be discussed.
- I-Pads are available to all residents. Charge Nurses, Social Service, and Activities Staff are available to make Phone calls for the Residents, or set up virtual Communication as requested by Residents or their loved ones.

- Arnold Walter has the ability to test and screen anyone with flu like or Covid 19 symptoms. The Lab turn-around time is approximately 48 hours.

OutBreak Plan Accepted: September 1, 2020



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#### RESIDENT OUTBREAK PLAN

In an effort to keep the Covid 19 Virus from entering and spreading through the facility, an "Outbreak Plan" has been established:

- 1) Any resident exhibiting any signs or symptoms which may be related to the Covid 19 virus, including:
  - a) Temperature elevation
  - b) Cough or sore throat
  - c) Loss of taste or smell
  - d) GI symptoms

Or who have recently been out of the facility for a Doctor's appointment or Hospital procedure, will be screened for Covid 19 virus via nasal swab.

- 2) Any resident exhibiting any of the above symptoms which may be related to the Covid 19 virus, will be moved to a private room and isolated from the general population. The Resident will be screened via nasal swab.
- 3) If a Positive Covid 19 result is obtained, all staff and all residents must be tested weekly, including those who have previously tested positive. Weekly testing continues for a period of 28 days, or 2 testing cycles from the most recent positive result, and no additional positive results are obtained.
- 4) Once an outbreak has resolved, Residents will be tested for Covid 19, only if they exhibit symptoms. Staff will continue weekly testing until directed otherwise by the D.O.H.

#### OUTBREAK PLAN FOR STAFF

- 1) Screening for all staff will continue via Temperature checks and questionnaire, upon entering the facility for work.
- 2) Any staff member with signs or symptoms which may be related to Covid 19, are restricted from work, pending results of Covid 19 testing, and may not return to work until he/she is symptom free without the use of medication for a period of 14 days, and the employee can produce proof of a negative Covid 19 screen.
- 3) All Staff members will continue weekly screening for Covid 19 until directed to alter the testing plan by the D.O.H.

Policy adopted Sept. 1, 2020