

Laurel Manor Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center

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Outbreak Plan: Policy and Procedure

Laurel Manor remains committed to the continued health and safety of all our residents, staff, & their families. In the event of an infection outbreak, Laurel Manor is committed to preserving our standard of excellence. Spreading of the virus happens rapidly, and time efficiency is of the utmost importance in slowing down that spread. Recognizing the presence of a virus early, and executing ways to prevent the spread, helps preserve the safety of our residents and staff. One of the ways is recognizing that the housekeeping department works as the gatekeepers by combating bacteria and viruses through established cleaning schedules.

Residents, families, and staff are provided information about infectious diseases in Laurel Manor should they occur. We present clear, concise, and integral communication with residents, their families, and staff on a routine basis. Because of the diverse spread of people and locations within the facility, the administrative team and the nursing staff will be responsible for notifying various people in the event of a disease or infectious outbreak. That is defined as the presence of one resident or two or more staff members within 48 hours. The administrator or designee will inform the residents of the outbreak via written or verbal notice. In addition, families will be notified via email and/or letters, and/or telephone. Staff will be notified via in-service and/or posted notice and/or verbal notice. These notices and letters to residents, families, and staff will include the COVID-19 numbers and statistics, what actions the facility is taking to prevent the spread of the disease, and the containment or spread of the disease.

While we understand how difficult it may be having a loved one reside at a healthcare facility, it is the state guidelines for the facility to allow families the option to see their loved ones. All family members must follow guidelines by keeping a mask on at the time of visits and staying home when they are not feeling well. Residents have the right to refuse any in-person or virtual visit from anyone.

Families will receive weekly updates on the resident's activities and residents happenings at Laurel Manor. Suppose an outbreak at Laurel Manor compromises the staffing levels in the building. In that case, a contract is in place with various nursing agencies to provide certified nursing assistants and nurses as needed. This resource will be valuable in obtaining staff if in-house staff are unable to work due to the virus.

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