



COVID-19 Outbreak Response Plan Policy

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PURPOSE: To increase the safety of staff and residents and contain the further spread of COVID-19 during an outbreak.

POLICY: Friends Village will follow the procedures and guidelines below as they relate to a COVID-19 outbreak as directed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and/or the New Jersey State Department of Health (NJ DOH).

PROCEDURE:

1. Testing of staff and residents will be performed in accordance with the direction from State Department of Health Executive Directive 20-026¹ (Amended 1/6/21) and Centers for Disease Control.
2. Testing frequency will be determined by the most recent community transmission rate in the last week.
3. Staff Members Who Test Positive
 - a. Staff member will be immediately removed from the schedule.
 - b. Staff member to provide a list of contacted residents and employees to be notified of potential exposure.
 - c. The residents/families/primary care providers will be notified of potential exposure.
 - d. Unvaccinated exposed residents will be placed on Transmission Based Precautions (TBP) for a duration identified by the NJ DOH and CDC Guidelines and tested according to recommendations.
 - e. Vaccinated exposed residents will be tested immediately and then 5 to 7 days after exposure.
 - f. Maintain daily monitoring of residents for fever and other symptoms of COVID-19.
 - i. Monitoring at least once per shift to include heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, and pulse oximetry.
 - g. The facility will communicate with the staff member during their quarantine period to determine an appropriate return to work date per NJ DOH guidelines.
4. Residents Who Test Positive
 - a. The resident/family/primary care provider will be notified of positive results.
 - b. Schedule will be referenced to determine staff who have come in contact with the positive resident and will be notified.

- c. Resident will be assessed for symptoms.
 - d. Residents warranting a higher level of care will be transferred to the Emergency Department (ED) for evaluation as appropriate.
 - e. Residents who are clinically appropriate will be transferred using the recommended process per the CDC guidelines to a designated location.
 - f. The facility will determine the end of the resident's quarantine period per the NJ DOH guidelines.
5. Notifications to all appropriate agencies will be made as directed.