



MEADOWVIEW NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER POLICY & PROCEDURE

INFECTION PREVENTION AND OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FOR COVID-19

OBJECTIVE: It is the policy of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to develop a comprehensive Outbreak Management Plan that establishes a facility-wide system for the prevention, surveillance identification, investigation, mitigation, and control of infections of residents, staff, associate practitioners, and community members.

SCOPE: All Staff, Vendors, Consultants, Volunteers

POLICY:

1. Identify resident with respiratory symptoms, cough, congestion, runny nose, fatigue/malaise, shortness of breath, temperature 2° (degrees) above resident's baseline, sore throat, muscle or body aches / pains, chills, new loss of taste or smell and / or nausea / vomiting / diarrhea. Symptom observation and identification as per the NJDOH/CDC guidelines.
2. Surveillance of all residents will be obtained as per NJDOH recommendation.
3. If a resident confirmed positive (+) for Covid-19:
 - a. Notify primary care physician (PCP) that the Contagious Respiratory Outbreak Protocol is being initiated as per facility policy.
 - b. Resident will be placed in appropriate Transmission Based Precaution
 - c. Local DOH will be notified of any confirm positive cases.
 - d. Contagious Respiratory Outbreak Protocol will continue until Infection Preventionist Nurse / designee makes recommendation to discontinue the Transmission Based Precautions.
4. Resident classified as Person Under Investigations (PUIs):
 - a. If Rapid Covid-19 Ag test conducted was positive, resident will be quarantined as per NJDOH/CDC guidelines.
 - b. Contagious Respiratory Outbreak Protocol will continue until Infection Preventionist Nurse / designee makes recommendations.
5. The In-House Pandemic Committee will meet as needed.
 - a. Committee consists of representatives
 - i. Medical Director
 - ii. Infection Preventionist Nurse
 - iii. Nursing
 - iv. Environmental Services

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- v. Administrator / designee
 - b. Ad Hoc Representatives
 - i. Dietary
 - ii. Social Services
 - iii. Therapy
6. Mandated PPE
 - a. All persons including vaccinated staff, vendors, contractors, medical personal, students, volunteers, etc. entering the building may wear a medical grade surgical mask or higher.
 - i. Exception, during a covid-19 outbreak required PPE will be utilized.
 - b. Visitation to a specific Covid (+) resident or PUI resident as per the NJDOH/CDC guidelines.
 - i. Staff / Medical Personal must use closed and tied back gowns, gloves, N-95 or higher respirator when working with Covid (+) or PUI residents.
7. Encourage all Covid-19 or PUI resident to remain in room. If resident insists on leaving room, they must use a mask.
8. Remind and assist resident to perform hand hygiene frequently and always when entering / exiting a room.

Building Entrance

1. Visitation as per current per the NJDOH/CDC guidelines.
 - a. Visitation can be conducted through different means based on the facility's structure and resident's needs. We will adhere to the CMS Core Principles of Covid-19 Infection Prevention; in addition,
 - b. Meadowview will develop a protocol for visitation.
2. All person entering the building are required to perform hand hygiene, then complete the questionnaire. Their temperature will be taken. Exception: EMT emergency services.
 - a. Notify house supervisor if elevated temp indicating a fever and person will be required to exit the building and wait for the supervisor.



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1. Transport aide or Transport Companies will be stopped by the security guard from entering the building when they are not following facility policy. Immediate notification of house supervisor.
 - a. They will be required to perform hand hygiene, complete the questionnaire, and have their temperature taken at the front desk.

Communal Dining, Community Activity and Off-Site Excursion

1. Accommodation will be made to resume community activity and communal dining based on NJDOH guidelines. Resident will be encouraged to sign-up for events, as necessary.
2. Therapy will be done at bedside level for all confirmed Covid-19 positive (+) residents.

Environmental Services

1. Confirmed/suspected case in Atlantic County
 - a. Increase of wiping down all guard rails throughout the building with chlorhexidine or 1 to 10 ratio of bleach solution at least twice during dayshift and minimally once after 5pm at the nursing units
 - b. Daily cleaning per resident's room as assigned.
2. Suspected or confirmed case in facility
 - a. One environmental service personnel will be assigned to designated area.
 - b. All surface areas in the hallway will be wiped down twice daily.
 - c. Room cleaning with chlorhexidine or 1 to 10 ratio of bleach solution frequently.
 - d. Hospital grade plastic barrier will be placed in the hallway separating the suspected and confirmed residents of Covid-19 as needed.

Bed Management

1. Designation of beds during pandemic
 - a. A designated rooms will be assigned for positive Covid-19 residents and PUIs.
 - b. Adjustment to this policy will be done in accordance with NJDOH recommendations



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Mass Testing

1. Covid-19 testing of staff and residents will be performed in accordance with NJDOH / CDC as amended and supplemented.
 - a. A resident refused to undergo Covid-19 testing will be treated as a PUI.
2. Retesting will be performed in accordance with NJDOH / CDC recommendations.
3. Any staff member testing positive or PUI will be excluded from work in accordance with the Local Health Department / CDC guidance.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1. Inventory on hand and usage daily report will be submitted NJSN
 - a. Mask, Surgical
 - b. N95 **and/or higher equivalent**
 - c. Mask with face shields/goggles
 - d. Gloves

Staff Vaccination Requirements

1. Staffing, including covered workers, are encouraged to receive their Covid-19 vaccine as recommended by CDC/NJDOH guidelines. Meadowview will maintain a log of vaccine status for all staff including covered workers as NHSN/CDC/NJDOH guidelines. This includes the Covid Vaccines, RSV and the mandatory yearly Influenza Vaccines.

Deceased with Positive/Suspected Covid-19

1. Resident will remain in the designated area, until the funeral home can escort from facility.
2. Resident will be covered with appropriate barrier when leaving the isolation unit to help prevent spread of this virus as per CDC guidelines.

Communication with Family/Resident Representation regarding Covid Updates

1. Alert Sense– Posting Methods for resident’s family resident representatives.
 - a. Selected mode used will depend on each recipient’s request
 - i. -Voice Mail
 - ii. Text Message

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- iii. Emails
 - b. Able to have attachments sent via email, e.g. Covid-19 Vaccine Consent form from Walgreens and the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of the Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19, so families / Resident Representative can make education decision regarding receiving the vaccine.
 - c. Provide updates to Families / Resident Representative of current status at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

- 2. Designated phone to be used as the Covid Hotline for Families / Representatives to hear updates regarding current status of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
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