

With the recent declaration of the coronavirus virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), and the recent news coverage concerning the virus' spread and impact in Florida, we want to update you on what is being done by Alzheimer's Community Care to keep our patients, caregivers, and staff safe.

STAYING INFORMED

We are currently providing up-to-date information and advisories from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to all of our staff and our families as they are released and we are in regular contact with our County Health Departments to identify any new information or advisories that we can provide to families and staff. In all of our Specialized Day Centers (Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie County), we **always** take recommended best practices and standard precautions to minimize the risk of transmission of **any** infectious/contagious illness.

PREPARATION

For addressing Coronavirus, we have added additional disinfection routines to our already robust daily processes. These procedures include:

- Washing and sanitizing hands **frequently**, and especially before eating!
- Avoiding touching nose, mouth, eyes
- Sanitizing frequently touched surfaces:
 - Doorknobs and handles
 - Faucets and toilet trip levers
 - Tabletops and counter-tops
 - Appliance handles and controls
 - Arms of chairs
 - Cell phones, computers keyboards and accessories, keys, wallets, car door handles, steering wheels, shift handles
- In short: the wide variety of items that we touch and handle throughout the day!

To help us with this, we are reminding our caregivers and patients to follow the same procedures in the home.

IF COVID-19 IS DETECTED

To help us stop the spread of COVID-19 we are requesting that any caregiver, patient, staff or visitor remain out of our offices and Day Centers, and seek medical care, if:

- You have a fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Are coughing or are short of breath
- Have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past **14 days**

In the event that one or our patients or staff show symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), he/she will be situated away from others immediately. If it is a patient, the caregiver will be called to promptly pick up the patient and seek medical care. If the patient's symptoms are suddenly severe, **9-1-1** will be immediately called. If a staff member has symptoms, he/she will be asked to go home and seek medical clearance before returning back to work.

CONTACT US

It is our number one priority to keep our patients, caregivers and staff safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Infection Preventivist Officer at 561-683-2700.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

If you have other questions concerning COVID-19, we recommend visiting the following resources that may be of help.

- 🌐 [Q&A on coronavirus \(COVID-19\)- World Health Organization](#)
- 🌐 [Information about the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in the USA – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- 🌐 [Coronavirus Advisory Information-- World Health Organization](#)