

McIntosh Senior Living
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Prevention

We know that many members of the community are concerned about the spread of COVID-19 (the new coronavirus) and how it may impact us here at McIntosh Senior Living. Ensuring residents are cared for in a safe and healthy environment is our first priority. At this time, we don't have any cases in our community. We are acting now and have reviewed our infection prevention and control policies and procedures, as this is key to preventing coronavirus and other common viruses. We are ensuring that our staff and residents are practicing proper hand hygiene, and we have a team, including a trained infection preventionist that is working diligently on a facility risk assessment for this and other infections. It's critical that we remind all employees who are sick to stay home. In accordance with our Medical Director's recommendations and the guidance available from leading health agencies, including the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health, we request that family and friends do not visit the facility. Out of an abundance of caution, we are restricting all visitors to our facility unless absolutely necessary. We are posting signs on our entryway doors to notify visitors of this policy and actively screening individuals, including staff, who need to come into the building. We are in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps to stay up to date on the information to prevent and manage the spread of COVID-19.

We understand that connecting with your loved ones is incredibly important, and there are a variety of other ways you might consider communicating with them. These may include telephone, email, text, video chat or social media. If you believe a visit to the center is necessary, we request that you contact us at (218)563-2715 prior to your arrival.

Resident safety is a top priority for McIntosh Senior Living. We are saddened that we need to take these precautions, as we know it will be difficult for our residents and their loved ones. We believe these dramatic interventions are necessary due to the toll that COVID-19 has taken on the elderly. The World Health Organization is estimating that the mortality rate for individuals over 80 years old is around 21.9%. Many of our residents have chronic health conditions that also increase their risk of serious effects from this virus. Our goal is to try and keep the virus out and if it is found in the facility, to minimize the spread to anyone else.

We are following the same infection prevention procedures used during flu season: handwashing, using alcohol-based hand sanitizers, covering coughs, and disinfecting the environment. In some circumstances, we will plan on wearing protective eyewear, masks, gowns and gloves when interacting with residents who present symptoms found with COVID-19.

We will notify the community about any changes in our approach to prevent the spread of COVID-19. McIntosh Senior Living appreciates our community's assistance with keeping our residents safe!