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Important Information About Bridgeway Care & Rehabilitation and Avalon Assisted Living COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Bridgeway Care & Rehabilitation and The Avalon Assisted Living residences are committed to the safety of our post-acute patients, long-term care and assisted living residents, and our dedicated staff. Rest assured that we have implemented extensive, proactive safety and prevention protocols in all of our facilities to protect your loved ones, family members, visitors, and staff.

Patients and Residents

- ♥ Patients and residents are admitted into a private room upon admission. During this time, they are tested for COVID-19 and monitored for COVID-19-related symptoms. Additionally, staff maintain droplet isolation precautions. Face masks, eye protection, gowns and gloves are worn when in the room.
- ♥ Residents practice source control. Bridgeway and The Avalons issue face masks to all residents to wear during care and when out of their rooms.
- ♥ Reminders to perform hand hygiene are posted around our buildings, and there are many hand sanitizer stations.
- ♥ Patients and residents enjoy socially distanced communal dining with additional infection prevention measures and disinfection between seatings.
- ♥ Patients and residents participate in small group and personalized, individual activities with social distancing.

Staff

- ♥ All employees are screened at the start of their shift, before entering the building. Staff with COVID-related symptoms are sent home immediately.
- ♥ All employees, even those without symptoms, are regularly tested for COVID-19 in accordance with a testing plan based on CDC guidelines.
- ♥ Bridgeway and The Avalons provide face masks and personal protective equipment (PPE), in accordance with CDC guidelines, to each employee.
- ♥ Employees are required to socially distance during breaks.
- ♥ All employees receive ongoing training related to COVID-19 and infection prevention.

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Families

- ♥ Families are requested not to visit if they are ill and to notify the facility if they become ill within 14 days of their visit.
- ♥ Family members who have traveled internationally or to states listed on the NJ Restricted Travel List will not be allowed to visit.
- ♥ Families are screened for COVID-19 prior to visiting. They will receive education on infection prevention including social distancing, hand hygiene, the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and, if necessary, will receive assistance in applying and removing PPE.
- ♥ Indoor family visits are generally restricted to residents who are not in isolation, except in the case of compassionate care visits.
- ♥ Outdoor visits are preferred for all residents.
- ♥ Virtual visitation is facilitated through Skype and other technology platforms.

Other Visitors

- ♥ Visitation is scheduled in advance for all patients and residents.
- ♥ All visitors are screened before being permitted to enter the building.
- ♥ Visitors with COVID-related symptoms are not permitted to enter the facility.

Environmental Controls

- ♥ All our cleaning products are EPA-approved and effective for COVID-19.
- ♥ We have added housekeeping staff to focus on cleaning and sanitizing, particularly high-touch areas.
- ♥ We are leveraging technology by facilitating telemedicine visits to decrease the frequency of physicians coming into the facility.
- ♥ Signage is posted throughout the facility to promote infection prevention practices: hand hygiene, cough etiquette, use of masks, and social distancing.

What if a patient or resident tests positive for COVID-19?

If a patient or resident tests positive for COVID-19, he/she will be:

- ♥ Relocated to our designated COVID-19 unit/area
- ♥ Under strict isolation for a minimum of 10 days

*We are here to make your stay with us comfortable and safe!
Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or
concerns about our COVID-19 safety protocols.*


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