



# Catholic Health Services

*Safe in Our Care - Our Commitment to You*

## INFORMATION FOR NEW ADMISSIONS COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES

Your safety and recovery is our top priority during your stay at one of our Catholic Health Services facilities. Below are the steps we have taken to protect you while in our care:

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### NEW ADMISSIONS

- **If you had been diagnosed as COVID Positive** and are being discharged from the hospital to our facility, State regulations require that you receive two (2) negative COVID-19 test results prior to your hospital discharge.
- **New Admissions - Non-COVID-19** - All new admissions are tested prior to entry into our facilities.
- **In-house Testing Capability and Strategy** - Experts working with our teams have developed a structured program to keep you safe.
- **Discharging You Home Safely** - A system is in place for your safety. Prior to discharge to your home you will be tested for COVID-19.

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### ENHANCED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

Our entire facility is cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis, including all medical and therapeutic equipment, waiting area chairs, door handles, elevator buttons and all heavily used surfaces. As an additional protection, we have contracted for twice weekly service by a company specializing in dealing with biological contaminants and disinfection to prevent the spread of infectious disease.

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## SCREENING AND UNIVERSAL MASKING

- Screening of all staff is performed twice daily, before they enter the facility and during the shift. It includes checking for symptoms and taking temperature readings.
- Access to the facility has been reduced to a single entry point and deliveries are scheduled and accepted through stringent protocols as well.
- Staff is required to wear a mask and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as indicated.
- For the health and safety of our patients, families and employees, visiting hours have been suspended.
- Personal use hand sanitizers are easily available, and numerous wall mounted hand sanitizers are located throughout the facility.
- Easy to follow Social Distancing Instructions are located abundantly throughout the facility in high traffic areas and conspicuous locations.

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## PATIENT PRECAUTIONS

- Every patient is tested for temperature and symptoms twice daily.
- Patients are required to social distance and remain in their rooms. We strive to provide meals, activities, prescribed therapies (as possible and clinically appropriate) and all other services at the bedside to reduce the possibility of spread.
- The majority of our current patients, residents and staff have now received COVID-19 tests and we have established a comfortable baseline going forward to continue our preventive measures.
- At the first indication of incipient health decline relative to the suspected Coronavirus, employees are required to go home and self-quarantine. If subsequent test results prove positive for COVID, they are not allowed to return to the facility until 2 negative test results can be demonstrated.
- Isolation and recovery wings have been designated within our system, which will comfortably and safely separate any resident with symptoms or those who might test positive, where we can care for them properly should the need arise.
- Internal CHS testing teams have a surveillance plan for frequent and routine testing.

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## MEDICAL STAFF

Our medical staff is here to address all your clinical needs. We have assembled a team of professionals specializing in infectious diseases, pulmonary and supportive care.