

INFECTION CONTROL Policy and Procedure

Policy:

Golden Acres Boarding Home, Inc. is committed to maintaining a safe and clean environment, especially in this new environment in which pandemic and seasonal contagion is becoming a permanent presence. To this end we have highlighted and reinforced current procedures and instituted other protocols for the safety of our residents:

Procedure:

To minimize the occurrence and spread of infection within the Golden Acres facilities, the following measures will be followed:

- All visitors will be notified of the restrictions on entry to the facility by posted signage at every entrance door. The content of the signage will follow the guidelines of the state health agencies and governor's declarations.
- During the pandemic only necessary personnel will be allowed entry, and only if they meet the aforementioned conditions.
- Staff must follow the promulgated guidelines from the Maine CDC and Governor's office, minimizing contact with others and group gatherings which have been prohibited. Failure to meet these conditions may result in staff having to stay at home and not come to work.
- A Face Mask will be worn by staff inside the facility and in rooms other than the business office when working residential areas at all times.
- If you have any of the symptoms of influenza or, especially, coronavirus, you must notify management as soon as possible so that alternative staffing can be arranged until your condition is better understood.
- You cannot come to work if you have been out of state (a 14-day self-quarantine is required by the governor) or have come from a facility or institution which itself has a documented case of coronavirus or influenza.
- Cleaning will be focused on surfaces which may harbor bacteria or virus, especially door handles, grab bars, and stairway handrails. These surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day with Lysol disinfectant or similar acceptable sanitizer.
- Gloves will be worn during all patient care.

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The Coronavirus and its resulting infectious disease, COVID-19, is a serious pandemic, and individuals who have been infected will be contagious for up to two weeks prior to showing any signs of illness. The resulting community spread is invisible to the general public during the incubation period of the disease in those who have contracted the illness. We must all do our part and follow the conditions and recommendations of the CDC and Governor.

Please Sign Your Understanding and Commitment to these Protocols Below: