



CAPITAL HEALTH

HOME CARE CONCIERGE

COVID-19 Policy Highlights

HOW IS COVID-19 TRANSMITTED?

Mostly through airborne droplets (sneezing or coughing), but indirect contact through hand transfer from contaminated surfaces to mucosal surfaces (such as the nose or mouth) can occur. The virus can transfer between people who are in close contact with one another (approximately within 6 feet).

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of COVID-19 range from mild disease to non-specific signs and symptoms of acute respiratory illness, to severe pneumonia with respiratory failure and septic shock. There have also been reports of patients with asymptomatic infections.

PANDEMIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE PLAN

- We will coordinate with the state Division of Epidemiology for reporting protocols and securing testing and medical supplies, including a vaccine when one becomes available.
- We will assure adequate supplies and equipment so that cross contamination from patient to patient does not occur.
- We will identify patients at risk for COVID-19 before a visit with pre-call screening and at the start of a visit with temperature taking.
- We will follow standard infection prevention and control.
- Staff with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 will not report to work.
- Staff that develop signs and symptoms while on-the-job should:
 - Immediately stop work, put on a face mask, and self-isolate at home
 - Inform Clinical Manager of all pertinent information including who the staff member came in contact with
 - Contact and follow the health department for recommendations for next steps (e.g., testing, locations for treatment)

Resources:

CDC: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV)

CMS: [cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-18-hha.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-18-hha.pdf)