



LIONS GATE

OUTBREAK RESPONSE PLAN

IDENTIFICATION: An outbreak will be identified utilizing current information from the NJ DOH, CDC or CMS as communicated to Lions Gate. As of 8/2020, this definition is as follows:

LONG TERM CARE/ASSISTED LIVING

- ≥1 probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident or staff member;
- ≥3 cases of acute illness compatible with COVID-19 in residents with onset within a 72h period

1. ISOLATION and COHORTING

ISOLATION

- Upon identification of an outbreak, Lions Gate will isolate the infected individuals in their rooms or apartments.
- Anyone entering the room will don appropriate PPE before entering, in accordance with the current guidelines from NJ DOH, CDC or CMS. Most commonly, this would be face mask, gloves, gowns, and eye protection.
- If able, Lions Gate will seek to cohort infected residents in one area of the facility; a separate unit or wing would be ideal.
- Lions Gate will strive to assign consistent staff to this cohort area in order to prevent transmission of germs to non-infected residents.

COHORTING

- Cohorts will be made up as follows:
 - Positive
 - Negative/Exposed
 - Negative/Not Exposed
 - New/Re-Admissions
- Isolation and cohorting will continue until the outbreak is resolved.
- Residents will be returned to their original areas after terminal cleaning is completed.

2. Notification of residents, residents' families, visitors and staff

- Residents will be notified of the facility's infectious status via printed flyers that will be handed out by the Social Work staff. These will be provided by 5pm the day after any positive result (resident or staff) is seen, or on a weekly basis if there are no current cases among residents or staff.
- Residents' families will be notified of the facility's infectious status via email blast. This will be provided by 5pm the day after any positive result (resident or staff) is seen.
- Visitors will be notified of the facility's infectious status via posting on entry door.
- Staff will be notified of the facility's infectious status via email blast, postings and handouts at the employee check-in table.
- As applicable, notifications for all groups will include
 - Mitigating actions to prevent/reduce transmission
 - Changes to normal operations of the facility (for example, discontinuation of group activities or congregate dining).
- Notifications will be broadcast weekly, at a minimum.

3. Availability of Laboratory Testing

- a. Lions Gate contracts with a certified laboratory services provider, which has the ability to test all residents upon order of their physician and all staff members via order of the Director of the NJ Dept. of Health.

4. Protocols for Assessing Visitor Illness

- a. Upon arrival to Lions Gate, visitors will announce themselves via phone from the entry vestibule.
- b. If the visitor is to be admitted, the receptionist will remotely open the door and ask the visitor to step to the desk.
- c. At that time, the receptionist will screen the resident for symptoms, travel, etc. (current requirements from State and Local Health Departments), and take the visitor's temperature.
- d. If the answer to any of the screening questions is "yes" or the visitor has a temperature in excess of 100.4F, the visitor will not be permitted entry.

5. Protocols for Staff Illness

- a. Staff will be educated to monitor themselves for signs/symptoms, and to not come to work if they are exhibiting these signs/symptoms.
- b. Staff will be screened at the entry doors prior to every shift for symptoms, temperature and travel status, as appropriate.
- c. Staff will be provided with proper education and PPE in response to any outbreak

6. Policies to Conduct Routine Monitoring of Residents and Staff

- a. Residents and staff will be tested in accordance with State and Local Departments of Health, CDC or CMS guidelines in place at the time of the outbreak.
- b. Residents will be assessed every shift (or as per then current DOH requirements) for signs and symptoms of disease.

7. Policies for Reporting Outbreaks

- a. All mandated reporting to public health officials will be completed by the Lions Gate Administrator in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- b. Administrator will ensure Lions Gate is current on all requirements and reporting is timely as required.

8. Protocol When Visitation is Curtailed

- a. Activity department will be responsible for conducting the following virtual visits
 - i. Face time / Zoom
 - ii. Window visits
 - iii. Phone calls

9. Strategies for Securing Additional Staff in the Event of an Outbreak or Emergency:

- b. Overtime will be permitted according to staff requests
- c. Staffing agency contracts will be maintained and utilized.
- d. Continuous hiring will be maintained.
- e. NJ DOH, CMS and CDC waivers of staffing standards will be utilized if necessary.