

Allendale Association

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Hello Friends and Families,

As always, the priority at Allendale Association is the safety and well-being of our clients and staff. We have been closely monitoring the situation with COVID-19 and following the lead of the CDC (Center for Disease Control), WHO (World Health Organization), IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) and the LCHD (Lake County Health Department).

While there are no confirmed cases or possible exposures at Allendale, it is important to remember that COVID-19 symptoms are similar to a common cold or flu (coughing, sneezing, aches and low grade fever).

As COVID-19 continues to impact the world, the leadership at Allendale would like to share with you the extra precautions we have put into place to protect our environment and the people in it.

- We continue to monitor the CDC, WHO, IDPH, LCHD as well as the local media DAILY to remain abreast of the most current developments and to initiate and follow any recommended procedures.
- We have assembled an Emergency Response Planning Committee comprised of leadership from all departments (school, clinical and residential), administration, health services, human resources, safety and risk management, facilities, housekeeping, food services, CQI and finance. Various members of this committee communicate daily to ensure we are all working in a methodical, responsive and coordinated fashion.
- All staff, youth, students and visitors arriving on campus are to immediately wash their hands with soap and water before beginning or resuming work or school.
- All staff and youth have been educated on proper hand washing and how to cover their cough and are consistently reminded to practice these helpful strategies.
- We have increased daily housekeeping with particular emphasis on residential units, school classrooms, dining hall, and other high traffic areas.
- We will begin to more thoroughly pre-screen on-site visitors as well as home visits to proactively assess if they have been in contact with someone possibly exposed to COVID-19.
- We encourage and support everyone to engage in social distancing by limiting attendance at large gatherings and to substitute a wave or elbow bump instead of a handshake.

Allendale is prepared to navigate these challenging circumstances with everyone's safety in mind. Allendale believes that this is a time when our core value of working together brings out the best in our staff and our community. We are calling on all of us and our community to exercise these precautionary measures that will significantly mitigate the potential impact this can have on ourselves and the youth, families and students we serve.

Thank you!

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Jason Keeler
President & CEO