

As the global health community continues to address the COVID-19 pandemic, New Perspective is closely monitoring the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health departments on the evolving efforts to contain the spread of the virus. The top priority of New Perspective is the ongoing health and well-being of our residents, tenants, and team members. Subsequently, we are implementing recommendations provided by the CDC to support their prevention and containment efforts.

As COVID-19 is believed to spread person-to-person through droplets in the air and on surfaces, consistent with the CDC guidelines, New Perspective is advising residents, tenants, vendors and visitors to:

- **Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly soiled.
- **Cover one's mouth and nose with a clean tissue when coughing or sneezing and immediately dispose of the tissue** in a closed waste bin. Use one's elbow if a tissue is unavailable. Note that the CDC has advised that wearing a face mask is not recommended except in suspected and/or confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- **Visitors are being instructed via signage to not visit if sick**, and instead communicate via phone, email, Facetime, and Skype.
- **Limit visitation to essential visits. Essential visits include:**
 - Visitors needed to support resident health and service needs, such as healthcare providers, supplies delivery personnel, etc.
 - Instances such as end-of-life or when a visitor is essential for resident's emotional well-being.
- **Immediately notify the executive director and/or health and wellness director** upon learning of a person who has recently visited the community who has traveled through an area identified by the CDC as presenting a high risk of exposure to COVID-19, or has been in close proximity to one who has.

In addition, New Perspective has reviewed, updated, and is providing team member training on our communicable disease policies and procedures. Included in the policies and procedures are:

- **Reinforcing hand-hygiene protocols;**
- **Directives for communities to post "Do Not Visit if Sick" signage at the entrances to the community;**
- **A cleaning regimen for frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as workstations, counter tops, and doorknobs; and**
- **A plan to utilize available personal protective equipment (PPE) and collaborate with the local health department for provisioning of additional PPE supplies in response to a presumptive or confirmed COVID-19 infection.**