



Wesbury COVID-19 / Coronavirus Information

March 13, 2020 Update

Providing a safe and healthy environment for residents and staff is our greatest concern. The Coronavirus (or COVID-19) has gained worldwide attention. Wesbury Administration is following this situation very closely as it evolves and is working to implement strategies to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and other serious respiratory illnesses like influenza for our residents and staff. We will be implementing strategies recommended for healthcare providers by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), PA Department of Human Services (DHS), and PA Department of Health (DOH). These strategies will continue to evolve as new information becomes available.

Due to current recommendations from our regulatory authorities, the following guidelines, restrictions, and limitations will be implemented immediately:

1. A campus-wide red light has been instituted. **All individuals are now restricted from entry to Cribbs Residential Center, Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center, and the Memory Support Center with the following exceptions:**
 - Visitors for residents who have an end of life status.
 - Caregivers and service providers who are essential to resident care.
 - Exceptions must be approved by building Administrators and will require screening.
2. **The only entrance that may be utilized at this time is Grace Rehabilitation & Health Center Front Lobby. Staff will be advised of their entry process by Administration.**
3. All non-medical transportation is suspended, only essential Medical Transport will be provided by Wesbury.
4. Vendor access is being limited. Only vendors essential to resident care will be permitted access.
 - Essential vendors will be required to go through the screening process.
 - All non-essential vendors will be restricted access until further notice.
5. Use of volunteers will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
 - Volunteers whose services are approved to continue will be personally contacted.
 - Approved volunteers must meet screening guidelines.
6. All speakers, outside groups, and events are canceled.
7. All activities will be provided internally by Wesbury staff and are restricted to each care setting.

Those granted permission to enter the building will be screened for the following:

1. Travel to any of the restricted countries per the CDC within the past 14 days. At this time, identified restricted countries are China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, and Japan. For updated information on restricted countries visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>





- If “Yes,” visitation/return to work will be restricted for 14 days from return.
- 2. For symptoms of respiratory illness, including fever of 99.5 or higher, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, etc.
 - If “Yes,” visitation/return to work may be restricted until symptom-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
- 3. A positive test for either influenza or COVID-19; or exposure to someone with or under investigation for influenza or COVID-19.
 - If “Yes,” visitation/return to work will be restricted for at least 14 days.
- 4. Traveled by cruise ship or commercial airline; visited a large population area, conference, sports event, concert, casino, theme park, etc.; or have been in any high-risk areas.
 - Visitor – If “Yes,” visitation will be restricted for at least 14 days.
 - Staff – If “Yes,” follow mandatory self-monitoring guidance.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

At present, even the wearing of a mask is not deemed to be adequate protection to stop the spread to residents and staff.

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing or between tasks.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Do not touch your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover any coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw it in the trash can. If you don't have a tissue, cough into your elbow or sleeve. Do NOT use hands.
- Clean surfaces frequently, such as countertops, light switches, cell phones, desk phones, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, TV remotes, keyboards, tablets, bedside tables, and any other frequently touched areas.
- If you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better.
- Avoid shaking hands; consider touching elbows instead if you believe personal contact is necessary for a greeting.

Informational literature is available throughout the facilities, and available at www.wesbury.com. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this time. We will make every effort to keep you updated as changes occur. If you have any further questions, please contact Larry Marsteller at 814-332-9520 or Sheila Bundy at 814-332-9142.

Thank you for your dedication to the safety of our community.





Visit the Links Below for More Information:

PA Department Of Health

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality-safety-oversight-general-information/coronavirus>

CDC: Prevention and treatment

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

CDC: Transmission

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>

WHO: Myth busters

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

