

# Leisure Chateau Outbreak Response Plan updated 11/11/2024

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Leisure Chateau has developed an Outbreak Response Plan that has been customized to our facility based on state and federal guidance, recommendations of the CDC, and in consultation with our facility's Medical Director, ID Physician Consultant and Infection Preventionist.

1. Leisure Chateau has implemented policies for isolating and cohorting infected and at-risk residents in the event of an outbreak of an infectious disease.
  - a. Leisure Chateau has identified resident care areas to cohort residents who are positive for COVID-19 and areas to cohort those who are under investigation for Covid-19. Due to the availability of beds on the Jerusalem unit, we have and will continue to designate a cluster of rooms on this unit for cohorting, should the need arise.
  - b. Transmission-based precautions will be initiated when a resident exhibits signs and symptoms of a transmissible infection, is admitted with symptoms of a transmissible infection or has a laboratory confirmed infection and is at risk for transmitting the infection to others. Transmission-based precautions are lifted when the evidence-based criteria to end isolation are met.
  
2. Leisure Chateau has a documented communication plan and informs staff, residents and their families/representatives following identification of a single confirmed infection of COVID-19 (by 5.00 PM the following day) or when three or more residents or staff present with new-onset of respiratory symptoms occurring within 72 hours of each other. Notifications are completed in accordance with privacy regulations and do not include personally identifiable information. Our modes of communication consist of the following:
  - a. Established email list to update families via email.
  - b. Established list to update staff via text message and department heads via email.
  - c. Updated posting at the employee time clock.
  - d. Residents will be notified via a written communication with their meal service and/or in person notification by the SS and Activities Departments.
  - e. Updates website accordingly to share the status of the facility and include information that helps families know what's happening in their loved one's environment.
  - f. Notices may be distributed through telephone recordings as necessary.
  
3. Leisure Chateau maintains a supply of antigen testing supplies for in-house testing as well as materials for PCR testing that are performed at the laboratory. Leisure Chateau is in contract with the RWJ Medical Center Laboratory located at Community Medical Center for all our Lab testing, including PCR testing for Covid-19. The laboratory is less than 7 miles from Leisure Chateau and when we require Covid-19 PCR testing, the specimen can be hand delivered for expeditious results as necessary. In addition, Leisure Chateau maintains a contract with QLABS as a backup laboratory if our primary laboratory is unable to service us.
  
4. Leisure Chateau has implemented policies that establish protocols to assess whether visitors or staff are ill; restrict staff from presenting to work if they are ill utilizing evidence-based outbreak response measures.

- a. Staff with signs and/or symptoms of Covid-19, regardless of vaccination status are restricted from working at the facility and will undergo testing either immediately at Leisure Chateau, or if the staff member is at home, encouraged to be tested at home or at their local medical provider office.
  - b. Staff who have been exposed to a confirmed case of Covid-19 wear source control and tested in accordance with CDC recommendations and are restricted from work if they develop symptoms.
  - c. Staff who have been restricted from work may return to work when the CDC's evidence-based criteria to return to work have been met.
  - d. Staff who do not test positive for Covid-19 but remain symptomatic are advised to follow up with their medical provider.
  - e. Visitors who exhibit signs and symptoms of respiratory illness or have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 10 days, are not permitted to visit. Visitors who have had close contact with a known COVID-19 case should wear a mask for 10 days after exposure and test per CDC guidance.
5. Leisure Chateau has implemented policies and procedures to conduct routine monitoring of residents and staff to rapidly identify signs of a communicable disease that may result in an outbreak.
  - a. Residents are evaluated at least daily for fever and other signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or acute respiratory infection during an outbreak and /or an increase in community levels.
  - b. Residents who experience a change in condition are promptly identified and managed in consultation with the physician and/or healthcare provider.
  - c. Staff and residents are tested for COVID-19 in accordance with current state and federal guidance and CDC recommendations.
6. Leisure Chateau reports communicable diseases and outbreaks to public health officials in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and facility policy.
  - a. Reportable diseases and outbreaks of communicable diseases are reported to the local health department and additional agencies as appropriate to the specific situation.
7. Leisure Chateau has identified strategies to mitigate personnel staffing shortages in the event of an infectious disease outbreak or other situation affecting staffing levels. Such strategies address the maintaining of staffing, training and facility demands during an infectious disease outbreak and include:
  - a. The facility may choose to adjust staff schedules, utilize off-duty staff, and request that staff postpone elective time off during emergency operations.
  - b. The facility attempts to address factors that might prevent staff from reporting for work (e.g., lack of transportation).
  - c. The facility has identified agencies that can provide additional staff to support our staffing patterns.
  - d. The facility has identified other healthcare facilities that may support our facility with the provision of staff and resident care.
  - e. Staff roles may be shifted to support priority care activities.

- f. All staff are provided orientation and training appropriate to their roles and responsibilities.
  
- 8. Leisure Chateau provides and encourages virtual communication and visitation in the event of an outbreak, visitation restriction, and at the preference of the resident.
  - a. Virtual visitation may be facilitated using phones, tablets, and other electronic devices using applications such as Zoom, Skype, FaceTime, etc.
  - b. Virtual visitation may be requested through any facility team member. A member of the Social Service or Activity Department/designee will coordinate the virtual visit.
  
- 9. Leisure Chateau has established an Infection Prevention and Control Committee which includes but is not limited to an:
  - a. Individual that is employed by Leisure Chateau full time as the Infection Preventionist, and has primary professional training in nursing, and is qualified by education & training.
  - b. A Physician contracted on a consultative basis who has completed a fellowship in Infectious Disease
  
- 10. Leisure Chateau will regularly train employees and practice the Outbreak Response Plan through drills and exercises as part of our emergency preparedness training. Education includes and focuses on but is not limited to:
  - a. Transmission-based precautions
  - b. Donning and doffing PPE, ie; gowns, gloves, face-shields, goggles
  - c. Handwashing
  - d. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19/Influenza/RSV
  - e. Vaccination program/mandates
  - f. Exposure and/or positive diagnosis for COVID-19 notification to supervisor
  - g. Respiratory Protection Program