

Mayflower Health & Wellness Infection Prevention and Management

Update #12: COVID-19 Information May 14, 2020

As of today, there are no diagnosed cases of COVID-19 among Mayflower residents or staff. That is, of course, good news. However, the virus is so insidious that it only takes one person who has acquired the virus elsewhere to start its spread at Mayflower.

Frankly, we have taken all possible steps to avoid infection with COVID-19. But, the real reason that we are COVID-19 free is that we have been lucky. In addition, Mayflower residents have been very responsible in taking prescribed precautions against the virus—social distancing, face masks, no large group gatherings, fastidious adherence to washing of hands and use of hand sanitizer.

We assure you that in the event that we have a COVID-19 diagnosis with a resident or a staff member, we will notify you just as soon as possible.

Yesterday, our Governor issued a proclamation to open certain businesses and services statewide. How does this affect decisions made at Mayflower to close down spaces and activities?

As of a recent survey, only one local house of worship has reopened for worship services even though all have been allowed to do so. Generally, the churches have stated that they do not want to put worshipers at risk.

We respect this decision. Even though some reopening with certain restrictions has been allowed, it doesn't mean that it is safe to do so. In addition, we do not wish to put any Mayflower resident at risk.

The Health Center and Beebe Assisted Living will remain closed to visitors except at the end of life. We have decided to leave the following Mayflower venues closed for now: Libraries, Obermiller Center, The Parlor, Buckley Dining Room, Kiesel Theatre. If you have questions, please let one of us know by calling 641-236-6151 or emailing.



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Questions about COVID-19?

- The best source for immediate information is a phone call to **2-1-1**, which takes you to a CDC (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) operator.
- The most current **Mayflower COVID-19 information** is contained on our website (<https://www.mayflowerhomes.com/>), middle right, "COVID-19" double-click.
- The most current source of information for the **State** is this website: <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>.
- Mayflower's primary contact for health information is **Jacki Hicklin, RN**, Mayflower Assistant Director of Nursing/Infection Control Nurse at 641-236-6151 x233 or jhicklin@mayflowerhomes.com.