

Mayflower Health & Wellness Infection Prevention and Management

Update #14: COVID-19 Information

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As of today, there have been no diagnosed cases of COVID-19 among Mayflower residents or staff.

Terminology clarification: Worldwide (therefore, “pandemic”), we are still dealing with a “novel” (meaning new) coronavirus. There are a number of different coronaviruses—MERS, SARS, 229E, NL63, and others. First identified in the mid-1960’s, the coronavirus types are so named for the crown-like spikes on their surfaces. When this novel coronavirus infects a human being, it is termed “COVID-19” for CORONA VIRUS DISEASE, first identified in 2019.

There have been some recent developments in Iowa. Governor Kim Reynolds yesterday announced that many pandemic restrictions are being lifted, most significantly, the 50% capacity limitation on businesses has been canceled. (Six-foot social distancing is still required.) In addition, swimming pools, senior centers, and adult day cares can reopen. This is in addition to many other venues that were previously released from closure, including malls, libraries, movie theatres, zoos, amusement parks, fitness centers, salons, barbershops, and more.

The Governor made headlines last week when she stated it would be wonderful if we can begin to “reopen” nursing and assisted living facilities. (Of course!) Governor Reynolds stated that a task force, led by Dr. Caitlin Pedati, Iowa State Medical Director, would be working on quarantine relaxation requirements for healthcare facilities.

We have received some information from this process. However, the actual implementation is still somewhat undefined. We are working on the details for phased enactment at Mayflower. As we await more guidance, we want you to know that there is much activity in the works. We will share developments as soon as we can. Please continue to observe safety precautions.

See generic information sources on the back or second page of this piece.



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Questions about COVID-19 Illness?

- 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.