

PRESS RELEASE

VILLA PRECAUTIONS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

March 12, 2020: Uintah Basin Rehab and Senior Villa (The Villa) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus that was first detected in China, which has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including the United States. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").

There is not widespread circulation in most communities in the United States. While currently, risk in our area is low, outbreaks of new virus infections among people are always of public health concern. Furthermore, we realize that healthcare workers as well as the elderly are at elevated risk. It is our responsibility to both educate and proactively protect our residents, their families, and our staff.

Due to the high-risk nature of our residents when it comes to viruses such as COVID-19 and influenza, we as a facility are implementing additional precautions for our building.

In accordance with the American Health Care Association, Uintah Basin Rehab and Senior Villa is taking reasonable efforts to prevent COVID-19 from entering our facility. It is a top priority to prevent the virus from potentially entering The Villa given the high-risk rate for the elderly. **We have now been advised to move into fully secured mode.**

- All non-essential services, including recreational therapy, will be suspended until further notice.
- Medical services will be provided in-house with the exception of life-sustaining procedures such as dialysis or emergent care.
- No family visiting hours will be allowed during this time. Furthermore, no therapeutic leave of absences will be allowed at this time.
- All staff will be screened prior to entering resident care areas at the beginning of each shift.
- No students or volunteers will be allowed into the building.

We appreciate our resident's families assisting with this matter and the continued support to our staff in taking care of their loved ones. If you have any questions regarding these precautions or our response to COVID-19, please feel free to reach out to The Villa's Infection Preventionist at 435-722-2497 ext 6427.

For hospital response and procedures, visit www.ubh.org or www.facebook.com/UintahBasinHealthcare. Keep informed regarding the latest announcements on COVID-19, as the situation is changing frequently. Visit coronavirus.utah.gov/ or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html for the latest information.

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