



Good afternoon,

As we continue to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and outbreaks, circumstances at each facility and location will evolve based on new information. We ask for NDVA teammates to stay informed and on the lookout for new information and situation changes that may come in the future. We also ask for your continued patience while we work to address any new information and work to keep both our teammates and members safe.

This afternoon there was a training that was assigned to all NDVA teammates regarding COVID-19, infection control precautions, and steps to take for anyone presenting with symptoms. Teammates will have no more than two weeks to complete this training, although we encourage everyone to complete it as soon as possible.

Additionally, new steps are being taken at each of our 24-hour facilities, where our most vulnerable population resides, to reduce the risk of a facility outbreak.

- 1.) Beginning today 3/9/2020, ***all non-essential travel for members will be postponed***. The only travel outside of the facility that will continue will be travel to essential doctor's appointments.
- 2.) ***Everyone must enter their respective facility through one centralized entry way and complete a COVID-19 health screening upon entrance***. This includes staff, volunteers, visitors, deliveries, etc. No one will enter a facility without first receiving a screening and may be denied entry pending the screening findings.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause teammates, members, and families, but we want to ensure we follow recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to keep everyone safe. We will continue to monitor and follow CDC recommendations and evaluate what new precautions we may need to take in the future.

Again, we encourage all teammates to stay informed, complete the training as soon as possible, and continue to follow the outlined infection control precautions.

Please direct any questions specifically related to this matter to your infection control nurse.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to NDVA and Veterans Homes members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicki Guretzky".

Nicki Guretzky
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