

SARGENT REHABILITATION CENTER

CORONAVIRUS & COVID 19 POLICY

To: Staff, Families, Students & Clients
From: Sargent Rehabilitation Executive Management
Re: Coronavirus & Covid 19 Policy

Date: March 13, 2020

The administration at Sargent Rehabilitation Center has been closely monitoring the coronavirus and Covid 19 situation since it initially became a national and local concern. Sargent Center has maintained continued contact with state and federal agencies with health oversight responsibilities and the Center is obtaining information and guidance from the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) to monitor and respond to the COVID-19 virus.

As part of our continued efforts to keep everyone we serve healthy during this time, we are instituting the following protocols effective immediately. *(note: a number of these protocols may already be in place)*

Health & Wellness Check—Self Monitoring

For our students, staff, clients, and members of the public who are experiencing flu or cold like symptoms, we ask that you protect yourself and others by refraining from entering the Sargent Center campus and that you stay home while symptoms are present (running nose, cough, fever, etc.).

Student Drop Off & Pick Up

When dropping off or picking up a student, parents and members of the public will be restricted to the bus area. Sargent Staff will bring the student to the designated drop off/pick up area.

Client Drop Off and Pick Up

Individuals dropping off and picking up clients participating in the Sargent Center Rehabilitation or Audiology Programs will be restricted to the main entry area of the administration building.

Recent Travel—Recent Contact

Clients or students or their immediate family members (or others that they have close contact with) that have traveled internationally to one of high-risk countries as determined by the CDC, or who may have come in contact with someone who has tested positive to the coronavirus or covid 19 disease must inform our Center and that individual will need to refrain from entering onto the Sargent Center Campus for up to 14 days or until they present a doctor's note indicating the individual is symptom free and cleared from the coronavirus and Covid 19 disease.

Prevention

The same steps that prevent other respiratory viruses, including influenza, from spreading can also prevent coronavirus and Covid 19 from spreading. The RI Department of Health (RIDOH) recommends the following to prevent the spread of influenza and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Adhere to existing institutional health protocols for any staff/student(s) presenting as ill or any staff/student(s) who may have been exposed to a contagious disease. Follow established exclusion recommendations for acute respiratory illness (patients should be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications before returning to work, school or public)

Other recommended precautions:

- Staying home while symptoms are present (running nose, cough, fever, etc.)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoiding close contact with others
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue (or arm) when you cough or sneeze, then throwing the tissue in the trash and washing your hands
- Cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces

Contacting your medical care provider if ill or experiencing flu or cold like symptoms.

Thank you for your cooperation during the implementation of these temporary practices.

Sincerely,

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Sargent Rehabilitation Center