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COVID 19 Protocol Update #10: All Solvere Living communities

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its guidelines and recommendations involving health care professionals, COVID19 (C19) transmission and testing. Also, each state has its own executive orders that are to be followed and implemented. Therefore, Solvere Living has updated its own protocols for each community based on the CDC, federal state and local guidelines; and the COVID19 status in each state and local area with the guidance of each state's Department of Health.

The following protocols are effective immediately:

Return to Work Protocols – Three Strategies

- All return to work decisions must be reviewed and approved by the C19 Response Team prior to the team member being permitted to return to work.
- All team members with “inconclusive” or “indeterminate” test results must be individually reviewed by the C19 Response Team.

Symptom-Based Strategy

- Non-severely immunocompromised team members with mild to moderate illnesses should remain out of work after 10 or more days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Team members should remain out of work 20 days or more for severe or critical illnesses or those who are severely immunocompromised.
- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in all symptoms.

Time Based Strategy

- Asymptomatic team members should remain out of work after 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive C19 viral diagnostic test AND have remained asymptomatic.
- Asymptomatic team members should remain out of work for 20 days for those who are severely immunocompromised AND have remained asymptomatic.

Test Based Strategy

Team members who are symptomatic:

- Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, **and**
- Improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), **and**
- Results are negative from at least two consecutive respiratory specimens collected ≥ 24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens).
- Inconclusive or indeterminate results are considered positive for test-based strategy.

Healthcare professionals who are not symptomatic:

- Results are negative from at least two consecutive respiratory specimens collected ≥ 24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens).

Residents who are moving or returning to the community from the hospital, rehabilitation or another facility

- All new residents must be C19 tested within 7 days prior to moving in and provide the test results to the general manager prior to moving in.
- Residents returning to the community from a hospital, rehabilitation or other healthcare facility stay, must have results of a C19 test within 7 days of returning to the community.
- New residents will be required to isolate for 14 days in their rented apartment after moving into the community if their C19 test is negative.
- If a C19 positive resident moves into the community, they will be required to isolate in the cohort area for C19 positive residents.
- Any resident newly moving in or being re-admitted into the community from a healthcare facility or another communal living setting, will be required to have a negative C19 test prior to moving in (unless the state mandates more than one negative C19 test prior to being discharged). The resident must isolate or cohort for 14 days upon moving in or re-admission as directed by the state or the C19 Response Team.
- Any resident being re-admitted into the community from a healthcare facility or another communal living environment must be reviewed and approved by the C19 Response Team prior to moving into the community.
- Contact the C19 Response Team prior to the resident moving in and if the resident states they refuse to isolate after moving into the community.

Outside Providers' Instructions

- Examples of outside providers include primary care providers, podiatrist, psychiatrist, psychologist, social workers, counselors, therapy providers, salon stylist, private duty aides etc.
- Outside providers must submit a protocol to be reviewed and approved by the C19 Response Team prior to services being approved, or they must agree to abide by our safety protocols.
- Only essential visits will be permitted.
- Request a negative C19 test from outside providers. If the provider is not able to provide results indicating a negative C19 test taken within the last 14 days, inform the C19 Response Team for approval prior to admittance into the community.
- All private duty aides and companions must provide documentation of negative C19 tests on the same basis as all team members in a community. For example, if the state requires a weekly test for all team members, a private duty aide or companion must submit a weekly test to the community or be tested by the community where allowed or required.

- In states where testing is not mandated for team members, private duty aides and companions must provide documentation of a negative C19 test every 14 days.