



Rogerson's Adult Day Health Programs Remain Open as of 3/18/20

Rogerson's top priority is the health and well-being of our participants and staff. The news about the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) is concerning to all of us. Rogerson is closely monitoring all advisories being issued by the MA Department of Public Health (MDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We will continue to take all necessary steps and follow their guidance.

As licensed healthcare facilities, Rogerson's Adult Day Health Programs already have infection prevention and control plans in place and are enhancing those and incorporating new information on the Novel Coronavirus advisories. Our staff are trained and follow established protocols. This being flu season in Massachusetts, staff also have a heightened awareness of the risks posed to our participants by respiratory illnesses and the vital importance of effective infection control practices.

Some steps Rogerson's ADH Programs are taking to support prevention include:

- Assessing employees and participants for flu/coronavirus symptoms before they enter the van or ADH program and sending participants home and for follow up care if they display concerning symptoms.
- Daily sanitizing of all touch points in the ADH programs, such as doorknobs, handrails, soap dispensers, chairs, doors and elevator buttons.
- Daily sanitizing of the vans. Drivers will decline to transport participants who appear to be ill.
- Asking all participants and staff to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the program and throughout the day.
- Providing hand sanitizer stations in all major areas at our day programs.
- Posting signage at all program entry points restricting visitors and vendors.
- Educating staff and participants on symptom awareness for Coronavirus and providing clear protocols for staff and participants to stay home if they are ill or symptomatic.
- Postponing outings/activities. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.



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Additionally, all employees and participants are provided with health and safety in-servicing on the following:

- Hand washing and Universal Precautions
- Influenza/Novel Coronavirus (symptoms and safety precautions)
- Prevention measures (which include not sharing foods, drinks, hugging, no hand holding/shaking)
- We have also increased our training and retraining efforts in this area.

You are a key partner in keeping yourself and others healthy by:

- Staying home while you are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If you do not have access to soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue (or arm) when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands
- Cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19, please visit the DPH and CDC websites:

<https://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

We know this is a challenging and concerning time for you and your family. We will continue to keep you updated as DPH and CDC guidance and recommendations evolve.