

MEMO

March 9, 2020

TO: HPHC families
FROM: Stacy Oleksa RN, Administrator
RE: Harleysville Pediatric Home Care (HPHC) Infection Control Practices

HPHC has been keeping our employees up to date with information on COVID-19 (or “coronavirus”), as it becomes available from Pennsylvania’s Department of Health, the Hospital HealthCare Association of PA and the Health Care Coalitions that our agency partners with. We have shared this information through the use of Paylocity, HPHC’s payroll app.

A memo went out to all employees on March 4, 2020 with guidelines on protecting themselves and their patients from protentional exposure to this virus (and others) by handwashing, use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), supplies of PPE, cleaning patient areas and screening visitors in our residential locations. All home care patients have been provided at least one PPE Kit. This kit includes gloves, a mask with eye shield, protective gown, hazardous waste bag, disinfectant wipes, and a CPR barrier shield. **Please take the time to locate this kit in your child/family member’s room.**

HPHC has also posted on Paylocity, video instructions on Standard Precautions and types of transmission of infections, CDC recommendations on handwashing, and the proper way to don/doff gloves. These videos are going to be posted on our website for families to review.
(www.firelypediatric.com)

We have received guidance from the Department of Health and the other agencies involved with informing all agencies regarding this pandemic that there have been and continue to have school closures to allow for a complete cleanup of their facilities. The Department of Health has stated that there are NO RESTRICTIONS ON GOING TO WORK or BEING IN THE COMMUNITY for the families within these school districts. This means that, at this time, there are no restrictions being placed on any home care nurse working for HPHC. We are doing our best to be as informed as possible and if there are any changes to our current staffing expectations, we will notify you immediately.

If you have any questions about our agencies steps in decreasing the risk of infection, please feel free to talk with your Clinical Manager.