



Valley Forge Medical Center and Hospital

From our Chief Executive Officer, Gregg Y. Slocum

The safety and well-being of patients, families, and staff has always been and will continue to remain a top priority at Valley Forge Medical Center and Hospital, Inc. As such, under the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and state and local officials, we have implemented a number of precautionary measures in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak. Because our treatment facility, referral, screening, and admissions processes will remain open and active for as long as deemed safe and appropriate, we believe it is important to communicate the steps we are taking to help keep our patients, families, and staff safe and healthy.

- We are screening incoming patients by inquiring about travel during the previous 14 days, other potential exposure to COVID-19, and presence of symptoms associated with COVID-19 including fever, a cough, and/or shortness of breath. Any patient who may screen positive will be provided a mask and will immediately be taken to one of our Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms (AIIR) for further evaluation.
- We have temporarily suspended on-site family visitation and programming, and are implementing options for virtual visitation.
- We continue to allow outside self-help meetings but are restricting those meetings to a building on campus but not occupied by patients or staff.
- We have been communicating actively with our staff relative to proper hygiene including frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer regularly and to stay home if they feel ill or are demonstrating signs of illness such as fever, cough or shortness of breath.
- We have available to all employees, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and have acquired as much reserve PPE as possible.
- We screen every patient daily for fever, cough and shortness of breath.
- Our maintenance and housekeeping departments have increased their sanitization efforts in patient and employee areas and staff meeting patients in their offices are being provided materials to immediately sanitize the area.

We will continue to monitor updates issued by the CDC, WHO and state and local authorities surrounding COVID-19, and will follow all recommended steps to ensure the continued safety, health and well-being of our patients, families, and employees.

