



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DANISH HOME

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Dear Family Members and Friends of The Danish Home:

In conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and with an abundance of caution, we are implementing extra measures to keep our community healthy. Visitation restrictions have been strongly recommended for long-term care facilities to prevent introduction of the COVID-19 virus.

Effective IMMEDIATELY, visitation is restricted to only ESSENTIAL MEDICAL VISITORS. An essential visitor includes, but is not limited to, physicians, private caregivers, x-ray and lab technicians, or hospice workers. Essential visitors will be screened for symptoms and fever upon entering the building. For the time being, we are asking that all family and friends do **NOT** come to The Danish Home.

As additional precautions, we are screening every employee, resident and private caregiver on a shift-to-shift basis, with temperature recording and symptom checks.

We are **STRONGLY** discouraging residents from going out into the community, and we are temporarily halting community shopping trips and canceling activities that are led by volunteers or paid facilitators. We are also canceling any activities that involve outside visitors and large crowds, including our monthly birthday celebration on March 18.

Residents who need certain items from the store may request to have them brought in by staff members. Voting in the primary presidential election will still take place on March 14 (residents are voting in advance of the Illinois election date).

We realize that this may be a difficult and challenging time, and we appreciate your patience and understanding. We are taking every precaution to protect your loved one and our community. We will continue to send you updates and remain in touch on a regular basis. Please visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/danishhomechicago/>) and our website (www.danishhomeofchicago.org) for the most up-to-date information.

We will continue to collect information and evaluate our actions daily to ensure that we are adhering to the latest public health guidelines and best practices. These restrictions will be in effect immediately and will be reviewed again and evaluated on or before March 18, 2020. However, the IDPH has advised us that these precautions will go well beyond the March 18 date.

Please contact us if you would like more clarification on visitation by sending an email to dlathom@danishhomeofchicago.org or call us at 773-775-7383, ext. 4.