



Marbridge Response to COVID-19:

Marbridge already has infectious disease/quarantine plans in place for the prevention and spread of influenza, Upper/Lower GI issues, etc. Marbridge provides flu vaccines to all residents and employees at no cost. We also have a policy in place requiring vaccines for all of our employees and residents for influenza and other vaccine-preventable diseases. Our Medical Director and her team is consulted in the formulation of our response. Each community may have additional protocols to what's listed below:

- 1) Encourage frequent washing of hands. Soap and water for at least 20 seconds is best but we also have hand washing stations throughout the campus at key/convenient spots. Stations are restocked and expanded as needed. Residents are reminded/prompted to wash hands frequently via verbal prompts, formal instruction, and reminder signs.
- 2) Discourage handshaking (use fist pumping as necessary) or other physical contact.
- 3) Encourage residents and employees to sneeze in the elbow area.
- 4) Discourage residents and employees from touching eyes, nose, ears or mouth.
- 5) Employees who are exhibiting signs and symptoms of infectious contagion such as coughing/sneezing, sore throat, fever, etc. are asked to go home, remain at home until symptoms are not present for at least 24 hours.
- 6) Residents who are exhibiting signs and symptoms are examined by the nurse/LNP and quarantined to their room. Marbridge has quick flu strip tests to rule out flu. Residents positive for flu or other contagious illnesses are isolated to rooms receiving all meals and care in their rooms until symptom-free for at least 24 hours. Employees will don personal protection equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, gowns (if appropriate) every time they go into isolation room and dispose of after every use. Tamiflu is used as needed. Families will be notified of illness(es) as needed.
- 7) Encourage hydration among employees and residents. Resident are given water bottles to carry with them and are prompted to drink from them and refill as necessary. Marbridge has water coolers throughout the campus.
- 8) Our Medical Director, Liam Fry, and LNP, Michelle Coffey with AGS are kept abreast of any illness and actively oversee and provide treatment as appropriate.
- 9) Housekeeping crews actively wipe down surfaces such as door knobs, faucets, etc. throughout the campus. During times of contagious illness, we utilize more stringent cleaners and clean hard surfaces more frequently.



10) If we have a trending of multiple contagious illness throughout the campus or in a community, we notify the Travis County Health Dept. and they periodically come out to provide guidance, training, and resources. Group outings, classes, visitors on campus may be cancelled.

11) If the Travis County Health Dept. declares a regional pandemic, we will plan to limit travel within the region and to consider limit of visitors to campus. We will also stop resident outings and use of public transportation.

Additional Responses to Coronavirus:

- Purchase and inventory additional supplies of PPE and have on hand as needed.
- Develop and hang more specifically messaged signs addressing guidance for airborne, contact and isolation procedures.
- Management will review the Marbridge Emergency Management Plan to include response to virus and other potential epidemic.
- Management will stay current with information concerning the Coronavirus with information and alerts from local, state and national outlets and direction from the CDC.
- Our efforts will be directed and lead by our Medical Director and her team and the nursing team at The Villa.