

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) considers it a top priority to ensure the safety and well-being of our health care community, including our patient, staff visitors and their families.

The CHA community knows many lives are being impacted and disrupted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Like many of you, CHA is monitoring closely the reports and recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO). We are relying on their scientifically grounded expertise — in combination with other reliable sources — to inform our own decisions about minimizing the exposure to COVID-19 among our staff and everyone who comes to CHA facilities.

We are practicing caution and preparedness in these ways:

- Following the guidance of the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) for recommendations around travel for our staff.
- Encouraging everyone to review and follow CDC recommendations for everyday precautions that help reduce the spread of diseases.
- **Asking employees and vendors, including their sales and service representatives, to stay home if they are feeling unwell and/or have a fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath.**
- Asking that anyone who has recently traveled abroad to any of the areas currently listed by the CDC as level 2 or level 3 areas to self-quarantine for 14 days, contact a medical professional, and follow the medical professional's instructions.
- **As personal protective supplies are scarce, CHA encourages vendor representatives to utilize video- or tele- conferencing where appropriate in lieu of visiting CHA facilities. CHA's Purchasing Department can help facilitate this by emailing supplychain@challiance through May 1, 2020.**
- Taking additional environmental cleaning precautions in our facilities.
- Monitoring guidance, instructions, and orders from local, state, and federal authorities about COVID-19 about limiting public gatherings.

CHA salutes members of our community who are using their knowledge and skills to reduce common infections as well as infectious outbreaks. We are confident that individuals and organizations are deploying best practices to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 and save lives.

We will keep you informed of any changes to our approach as more information becomes available, and will also post updates to [our website](#). We thank you for all you do to improve health and health care.