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## 2019 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

GVNA Healthcare is keenly committed and taking every precaution to protect the health and safety of our home health patients and staff. We are strictly following the recommendations set forth by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), DPH (Department of Public Health) and WHO (World Health Organization) with regards to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Below are protocols that have been put into place to minimize any risk:

- We have secured appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for direct care staff, have implemented guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the MA Department of Public Health (DPH). **We, as our other healthcare partners, are in need of additional supplies. We would be grateful to anyone who would be willing to donate PPE for our direct care staff.**
- GVNA caregivers are essential employees who are trained and proficient in the practice of standard/universal infection control precautions, as well as in the practice of droplet precautions.
- GVNA leadership is working closely and continuously with community health system partners in optimizing care for all patients in the lowest risk setting, while minimizing risk of transmission of COVID-19 virus.
- In accordance with Governor Baker's directives, our four Adult Day Health Programs were closed as of Friday March 20, 2020. Our homecare, hospice and private duty services continue to be provided in an environment of adherence to CDC and DPH guidelines in the interest of our vulnerable, community-based population.
- We are instantly and effectively communicating any presumed or confirmed exposure risk to appropriate persons, family members or staff in strict accordance with CDC and DPH.

GVNA Healthcare, Inc. is totally invested in the well-being of our patients, our staff and our community partners as we provide the highest quality of care with integrity and compassion. We encourage all to take all recommendations regarding isolation and/or social distancing seriously as we all work to combat this virus.

For more information and current updates, please visit the following websites:

**Center for Disease Control** at <https://www.cdc> or **Massachusetts Department of Public Health** at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-public-health>

May you stay safe and well during this challenging time and may you rest assured GVNA Healthcare is here to support you and those you love.