



## COVID-19 Home Health Plan

ED and physician offices will be overwhelmed with panicking patients. Containment of COVID-19 is important for the community. What better way to protect seniors and contain the virus than home health. This allows ED to handle more serious cases, prevent the sick patients from getting out into the community as well as help physician offices from being overwhelmed. Simple home health order to eval and treat will allow HCN to service the patient concerns and needs in the home.

We are committed to the protection of our patients in the home from spread of infectious diseases.

We will be monitoring the health of all patients for signs and symptoms of this virus. Prompt detection, triage and isolation of potentially infectious patients are essential to prevent unnecessary exposures. We know that older adults or those with underlying chronic medical conditions may be most at risk for severe outcomes.

When making a home visit, the clinicians will identify patients at risk for having COVID-19 infection before or immediately upon arrival to the home. They will ask these pertinent questions, which are the same questions we are asked when we go to the doctor:

- International travel within the last 14 days?
- Signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, ie, fever, cough, and sore throat?
- In the last 14 days, has had contact with someone with or under investigation for COVID-19?
- Residing in a community where community-based spread of COVID-19 is occurring?

For ill patients, implement source control measures ( ie, facemask over patient's nose and mouth). Directors, the clinical staff should be notifying you of any suspected cases.