

Notice for Families and Guardians of Persons Served Regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Vinfen is closely monitoring the developing situation with the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Vinfen's highest priority is the health and safety of our persons served and staff. Because of this, Vinfen is taking the following measures (and will continue to do so as needed) to address concerns caused by the outbreak.

Prevention

Vinfen has directed staff to follow the guidance of public health experts regarding preventing the spread of COVID-19 including: washing hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds; avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth; covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze; more frequent cleaning of routinely touched objects; and staying home if you are sick. Vinfen also is directing any staff who is exposed to a person infected with COVID-19 or has traveled recently internationally to contact Vinfen's Human Resources department to determine a safe return to work plan.

Visitors to Vinfen Programs

Out of an abundance of concern for everyone's health and well-being, Vinfen will be suspending all visitors into our group homes unless:

- they are known professionals coming to provide essential services or care to one or more of the residents in the home
- vendors providing emergency services such as law enforcement or people delivering supplies that are essential to the care of residents living in the home
- Vinfen staff or a contracted professional who is scheduled to provide essential direct supports

Responding to Identified Cases of COVID-19

In the event a person served develops or is suspected of developing COVID-19, Vinfen will work as needed with their healthcare provider to implement the appropriate treatment plan. Vinfen also will, in collaboration with our regulators, implement appropriate protocols to assist in preventing the further spread of COVID-19 to other persons served or staff.

More Information

Additional information regarding COVID-19 can be found here

- Vinfen's Website: <https://vinfen.org/services/covid-19-coronavirus-information-and-resources/>
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health: <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- Connecticut Department of Public Health: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Preparedness/Main-Page/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>
- Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Department of Developmental Disabilities: <https://www.mass.gov/resource/dds-covid-19-resources-and-support>