

# Coronavirus Disease 2019

## Your health is our priority



As a result of COVID-19, we have received numerous inquiries regarding home health services.

**At present, we recommend no alteration of home infusion services.** We have compiled the following list of our most frequently asked questions to keep you informed on this matter.

### ABOUT COVID-19

#### What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in China.

#### How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

#### What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

### PROTECTING YOURSELF

#### How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

#### If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

### WHAT IS AMERITA DOING IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19?

- We continue to monitor COVID-19 developments. To optimize coordination, communications and preparedness, we have formed an Outbreak Preparedness Task Force. This task force is focusing on preparedness plans.
- Our employees are required to follow stringent infection control policies.
- We follow CDC guidance when assessing patients/clients with a fever and lower respiratory symptoms, such as coughing or shortness of breath.
- Our employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness are required to stay home and not come to work until they are free of symptoms for at least 48 hours.

**Your health and safety is our highest priority and we appreciate the trust you place in our team. Contact us for any additional questions or concerns.**

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