



Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Protocol UPDATE VISITOR & HOME VISIT RESTRICTIONS

Search is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all people within the Search organization. Search has created the following protocol related to visitors at our sites to ensure all people are as protected as possible from the threat of contracting COVID-19.

Search will not be allowing any visitors into our residences effective March 18, 2020. This action is meant to limit the number of people coming in and out of our homes each day and will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 should anyone contract the illness. We realize this creates a hardship for our families and friends that visit our residents regularly, but we hope you understand that we are doing this out of an abundance of caution for the safety and wellbeing of all. Search is committed to reinstating visitors to our homes as soon as we are sure it is safe for everyone. Social distancing is the best action we can take at this time to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Limiting visitors at this time helps ensure we reduce the potential for exposure to the most vulnerable people we serve.

If a resident of Search is taken on a home visit, we ask that they stay at home until it is safe to return and visitor restrictions are no longer in place. Our intention is to lift these restrictions as soon as we can ensure it is safe to do so. Please contact the site Coordinator if you would like to discuss this further or intend to take a loved one on an extended home visit.

Consider staying connected with your family members via phone, Facetime/Skype, email, social media or mail. You can always contact a Search staff member to help figure out the best ways to remain updated on your family member.

The landscape concerning COVID-19 preventative measures is changing at a rapid pace. Search is keeping up to date on recommendations and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Search has no active cases of COVID-19 at this time. The precautionary steps we are taking are meant to avoid any cases from affecting anyone at Search.

We are acting with extreme caution given the rapidly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic so that we are preventing the spread of viruses and germs to the maximum extent possible. We must take the necessary steps to protect everyone, especially our most susceptible and our incredible staff who are working hard to care for our residents.

Please know that we are taking every decision extremely seriously and always with the best interest of our Search family in mind. Thank you for your understanding as we navigate these extremely challenging times.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory Gumm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cory Gumm
Chief Executive Officer