

## Infection Control

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE:** Any person who has a physical condition that could endanger the health of other residents, particularly those residents who are immunosuppressed, or receiving medication and/or treatment, will not be registered as a guest or caregiver. Any registered guest or caregiver who develops an illness that might be contagious shall be confined to an area where he/she cannot transmit the disease and will be required to seek medical treatment or referred to a hotel. Such confinement will last until a medical release is received from a medical doctor or the guest/caregiver leaves:

1. An adult responsible for the guest is asked to review and sign the infectious disease policy form at the time of check-in.
2. Any guest or caregiver having a temperature of 101 F or (38.3 C) or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, generalized muscle pains, or a notable skin rash will not be registered as a guest without a medical doctor's statement that the individual's presence will not endanger others. Any recorded statement shall advise if the transmission is airborne or via physical contact.
3. Any individual who has in the past stayed at Editha House and who developed an illness that was contagious and checked out due to the infection control reasons, will not be re-admitted unless he/she provides written notification from a medical doctor stating that the individual is no longer contagious.
4. All guests and caregivers are required to report any fever, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea (not caused by treatment) to staff.
5. All guests and caregivers who become aware of a communicable disease situation, within two weeks of their stay, are required to contact Editha House so that appropriate measures can be taken.
6. All staff and volunteers that are present at Editha House during the stay of an individual who has been exposed to a communicable disease will be informed by staff, when appropriate, so that the proper procedures can be followed. Under no circumstances should your condition be discussed with other guests.
7. All staff, volunteers, guests and caregivers shall practice strict hand washing methods essential for prevention and control of infection:
  - Wash hands before eating or handling food
  - Wash hands after any contact with bodily fluid
  - Wash hands after using the toilet
8. All common dishes shall be washed and dried in the dishwasher. Before unloading the dishwasher, all staff, guests, and caregivers shall practice strict hand washing procedures.
9. Community food must be stored in covered containers, labeled and dated. Perishable food is to be removed from the refrigerator when a guest/caregiver leaves Editha House. Only unopened and/or sealed food can be donated to Editha House.

10. For the protection of all persons in Editha House, all blood spills and other accidents with secretions shall be cleaned with disposable towels and gloves. Staff members or volunteers on duty should be notified of such occurrences.
11. Any person unable to control body fluid excretion or secretion and/or unable to control behavior that may endanger other individuals (for example, biting, spitting, scratching), shall be excluded from or isolated in Editha House at the discretion of staff.

Editha House has Sharp Box containers available for guests for proper disposal of any medical syringes/needles needed during their stay. If you require a Sharp Box, please see a staff member in the Directors' office, room #404.

**I have read the above Infection Control information explained by Editha House Staff and agree to abide by them. I understand that failure to do so will result in rule infractions, and my caregiver and I may be asked to leave.**

**Guest Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Caregiver Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_