



## **COVID-19 Update Statement – Sodalis Waco**

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Sodalis Senior Living is a leader in assisted living and memory care, with a proactive approach to the health and wellness of our residents.

Given the increasing impact of COVID-19 and the particular risk it poses to elderly populations, our team has implemented proactive, data-driven, informed plans to take every precautionary measure to ensure the safety of our residents and staff in all Sodalis communities in Texas. We also will strive to be a model for reliable and informed communication for our patients, residents, families, employees, and the broader communities in which we serve.

Today, as a result of routine testing, a team member at Sodalis Waco received a positive test result for COVID-19. The team member is currently isolating at home. No residents have tested positive, nor have any other team members.

We are following our pre-established protocols that include implementing immediate and precautionary steps to ensure we stop the spread of the infection within our community. Sodalis is proactively working with public health agencies and medical providers and we are monitoring the situation very closely.

COVID-19 is an unprecedented challenge across the country, particularly for senior care centers caring for our nation's most vulnerable population. We continue to be inspired by our residents and the team members caring for them who so bravely rise to the challenge and support each other through this incredibly difficult time.

### **About our Protocol**

Following guidelines issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), as well as our own Infection Prevention and Control Program, we have implemented the following measures:

- We were and are very proactive in not permitting medically unnecessary visitors and restricting access to our communities since early March.
- In lieu of in-person visits, we are helping facilitate virtual communications and social connectedness between our residents and their families and friends.
- We continually conduct extensive and ongoing employee education on ensuring resident and personal protection, symptom monitoring and extreme hand hygiene guidelines.
- We require the use of full personal protective equipment.
- We perform extreme and continuous housekeeping using highly effective cleaning products for common viral infections.

We will also continue to actively communicate the steps Sodalis is taking to protect all of our communities, as well as disseminate ongoing news and updates regarding COVID-19 and guidelines people can use to better protect themselves as a matter of course. For more information, visit [sodalissenior.com/covid-19](https://sodalissenior.com/covid-19).

### **About Sodalis Senior Living**

Sodalis Senior Living is a Texas-based senior care corporation operating 10 communities that provide assisted living, memory care, and respite care. Sodalis is one of the only senior living networks led by a broad-based interdisciplinary healthcare leadership team including a nationally-recognized geriatrician, public health and population health management professionals. The mission at Sodalis is to empower people to live their best lives remaining active and engaged in the things they care about. Our innovative approach to wellbeing offers support when it is needed, tailored to a resident's specific situation and priorities. For further information, visit [sodalissenior.com/covid-19](https://sodalissenior.com/covid-19) or contact the Sodalis home office at [sodalisseniorliving@sodalissenior.com](mailto:sodalisseniorliving@sodalissenior.com) or 830-624-1044.