

**The SVNA Care Team is Providing Care throughout the Coronavirus (COVID -19) Pandemic.**

The **Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association** and its **Home Assistance Program** are providing skilled home visits and hospice care during these uncertain times. We want to reassure the community that it is **safe** to allow our nursing staff and caregivers in their homes. Our staff is following the strict guidelines and recommendations from the **CDC** to keep our staff and patients coronavirus-free.

SVNA Home Assistance is **WAIVING** its 3-hour minimum to help the elderly and others who are most vulnerable now with the following: Grocery shopping, laundry, meal prep and assistance with technology such as Facetime to help them connect via the internet with their loved ones.

**Below are preventive measures recommended by the CDC:**

- Avoid close contact with sick people – stay 6 feet away if possible.
- **Stay home if you are sick** and limit contact with others.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze; cough into your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth at all times.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated. Household cleansers will work.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Seek medical care if you have **fever, cough, or difficulty breathing** and have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the 14 days before you began to feel sick. Also be alert to symptoms if you've traveled to China, Italy and other "hotspots", including those in the USA.
- Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency department, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a **fever, cough, difficulty breathing** and other potential symptoms, call your **healthcare provider** for medical advice.

**SVNA is committed to the care and safety of our patients.** You can count on the SVNA Care Team to be by your side **at all times**, and especially during this time of crisis.

Call **SVNA's Home Care service:** 860-435-8016 and **SVNA's Home Assistance Program:** 860-435-1266  
[www.salisburyvna.org](http://www.salisburyvna.org).

**About Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association**

Founded in 1904, the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association is the oldest and most comprehensive home care, hospice and private care agency serving all of the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. The not-for-profit, state licensed and Medicare certified home health and hospice agency's mission is to provide advanced, compassionate care at home and in the community. Serving: Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Goshen, Kent, Lakeville, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Taconic and Warren.

