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As many are aware, there is growing discussion and planning for the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and local board of health agencies have been in constant contact with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and have launched a site that includes extensive information regarding the Coronavirus here: mass.gov/2019coronavirus It is updated on a regular basis. It is important to remember that the risk of COVID-19 in Massachusetts remains low.

The precautions to help prevent the spread of colds and flu can help protect against COVID-19:

- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, using a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water frequently and use hand sanitizer.
- If you have a fever or feel sick, stay home and call your healthcare provider.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Get the flu vaccine – it is not too late!

The Guild follows the attached isolation precaution policy for infectious diseases. The Guild's Emergency Preparedness Committee will be convening to prepare and plan for potential



exposure to COVID-19. In the event of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 within one of The Guild's Programs, we will consult with local and state agencies for further guidance.

The information and guidelines provided by the Department of Public health and CDC are evolving. We will stay well informed and adjust decisions according to that information and guidance.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

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