Gateway Members and Community
PROTOCOL DURING THE Covid-19 Pandemic

Gateway is committed to keeping our members, staff, volunteers, and community safe. In this health related emergency, Governor Baker has declared a state of emergency- which will allow him to use financial resources at his discretion. Our snow day directive does not apply in this instance. It has been done by the governor to ensure Massachusetts can get essential national supports if necessary to combat the health situation.

WE ARE OPEN!!!!!!

Gateway is cleaning constantly and disinfecting well used surfaces every day. We are encouraging our members to follow good hygiene when they are on site. Please see the flyer “Stop the Spread of Germs” which outlines some good habits to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like Corona virus or the Flu.

We are actively monitoring the Covid-19/Coronavirus spread, related public policies, and community impact as the situation evolves daily. If we are directed to close, you may be notified by email, Gateway’s website, or via the Gateway voicemail message, and a notice will be sent home with members.

Given the rapidly changing nature of this outbreak, we will carefully reassess the situation in the coming weeks and will share updates as they become available. More information about ongoing and emergency coverage for Brookline can be found on website here. [http://www.brooklineinteractive.org]

And the Vinfen website here for additional information: [www.vinfen.org]

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all navigate this very challenging time.

Also, we (staff of Gateway) have received information to identify that there are 4 reasons someone may be presenting as sick:

- **ALLERGY SEASON** is early this year and **POLLEN** is high
- They may have a **COMMON COLD**
- Ordinary **FLU** is still making people sick, and can be serious
- The new **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** which might be mild or serious

And our parent company Vinfen has given employee directives about WHAT TO DO (for our Gateway members):

1. For anyone with **mild cough, cold symptoms but no fever**, advise them to call their doctor
2. For more **serious cough, with a low-grade fever** (less than 100 degrees) also advise them to call their doctor or go to Urgent Care
3. For a person who **looks very ill, with cough**, has a **higher fever** (100.5 degrees or more), if they complain of **chest symptoms**
   a. Call PCP for such a sick person before sending them to the office
   b. The sick person who is coughing and has a fever of 100.5 or higher should be encouraged to put on a face mask
   c. Send to Urgent Care if PCP cannot be reached
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4. For anyone who is having **serious trouble breathing**, send them to the Emergency Room immediately by call 911
   a. If their breathing is hard and rapid (more than 30 times a minute)
   b. If their breathing is very slow
   c. If they cannot speak.

At this time, there is **NO NEED** to wear masks, but to follow the precautions to help stop the spread of germs.

Please find some helpful information on the following links below.