How Pendle Hill is Responding to COVID-19?

Here at Pendle Hill, we’re working to make a safe, proactive, and appropriately scaled response to the spread of coronavirus COVID-19. Our prayers go to the communities where this illness has taken lives—and to all our communities and their most vulnerable members. Our essential priority is keeping our conference guests, program participants, program leaders, neighbors, community, and staff safe.

Below, you’ll see information about our response on campus to coronavirus COVID-19, along with guidelines on when to stay home from a planned visit to campus and resources for staying up to date. Anyone with questions about Pendle Hill’s response to coronavirus COVID-19 or a particular Pendle Hill event, program, conference, or other planned visit to campus is welcome to email info@pendlehill.org. Your question will be directed to the appropriate party and answered as promptly as possible.

What Pendle Hill is Doing on Campus

**Increased cleaning.** Staff perform daily sanitation of doorknobs, faucet handles, flush handles, and other commonly touched surfaces. Although we strive to be a scent- and perfume-free campus, when the only available disinfectant products have scents, we are using them. Similarly, we are using more bleach than we have in the past.

**Hand washing and minimizing contact.** We have taken a hiatus from shaking hands at the rise of meeting for worship, and we verbally remind all staff and guests to wash their hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water, especially after sneezing, coughing, or using the restroom. At the beginning of each meal, we remind everyone to wash hands before serving themselves food. When supplies are available, we provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer in dining rooms and elsewhere. Our kitchen staff are doing *even more* intensive hygiene practices associated with preparing food and handling clean dishes and surfaces.

**Education**
- We have posted CDC hygiene tips in all bathrooms, bedrooms, and dining rooms.
- We have posted a list of coronavirus COVID-19 symptoms in all bedrooms.
- We remind staff and guests to stay home if sick and go home if they start to develop symptoms.
- We are starting the practice of reaching out to program and conference leaders to make sure that if folks are at high risk or are concerned that they may be sick, they feel supported in staying home.

**Preparation to Isolate Sick People.** We are prepared to quickly isolate someone who becomes ill on campus until medical advice is received.

When to Stay Home from a Planned Visit to Campus

We ask you to stay home if you are feeling sick, especially if you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. If you are experiencing these symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider. In addition, we ask you to stay home if:
• you are travelling to Pendle Hill from a country with widespread ongoing community spread (see CDC Level 3 Travel Health Warning list)
• you have visited one of those countries recently and have not completed a 14-day self-quarantine
• you have been in close contact with a traveler who has recently visited those countries.

Another factor to consider: on March 8th the Director of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease issued a recommendation that elderly persons with underlying conditions limit their travel and exposure to large crowds.

**Staying Educated About Coronavirus COVID-19**

The CDC and the Department of Health are not advising people to avoid public gatherings in our county: Delaware County. We at Pendle Hill are staying up-to-date on this and other coronavirus COVID-19 developments and recommendations using the below nationally recognized public health resources - please do the same!

- [CDC Coronavirus Information](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Health Coronavirus Information](#)

**Questions?**

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