

## **Appleton Area Health Closed to Visitors**

After careful consideration, Appleton Area Health - Hospital, Care Center and Apple Ridge Assisted Living is no longer allowing visitors. The Clinic will remain open. This policy is effective immediately. This difficult decision was made because the safety of our residents, patients, and community is our top priority. Those impacted by this policy include family, friends, volunteers, and vendors. Under special circumstances, exceptions will be made for family members on a case by case basis. To request consideration, please contact:

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At present, there are NO ACTIVE CASES of COVID-19 at Appleton Area Health. However, the COVID-19 outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation. Appleton Area Health is taking steps to help control the spread of this virus while caring for those who may be affected due to the highly suspected cases of COVID-19 in our surrounding area.

The World Health Organization has now identified the spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic. We will continue to work closely with the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak.