



A Message from Southwest Technologies to our

Healthcare Professional and Healthcare Community at Large:

Dear Colleagues,

It is critical, more than ever, that RIGHT NOW we stay connected with our healthcare professionals on the frontlines of caring for individuals who are at risk of COVID-19. All of Healthcare is focused on ramping up our daily attention on INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES to wage war on COVID-19.

Every staff member of the healthcare profession and the healthcare community at large want to engage every resource, even as we practice social distancing.

Therefore, Southwest Technologies, Inc. will be implementing strategies that enable us to continue to be a viable resource during these times of medical necessity in infection control measures. Our Wound Care Nurses on staff are certified and have knowledge and experience in being a go-to-resource on the frontlines of care. Nursing homes, assisted living, independent care facilities, home health and hospice staff reach out daily to engage and support patient care.

Staying focused on infection control measures is paramount to decrease the spread of COVID-19. Now is the right time for us to continue reaching out to our healthcare partners and support / sustain our professional relationships as well as create new ones with our surrounding communities.

We will continue to be available and to be creative in our outreach efforts by implementing access digitally with our shared content in messaging, education library, recorded webinar collaborations, whitepapers, checklists and other helpful tools for support in achieving better outcomes.

Here are a couple of helpful reminders:

Infection means that **germs are on or in the body and make you sick**, which result in **signs/symptoms** such as:

5 Basic Principles of Infection

a) Fever - b) Wounds with pus - c) High blood count - d) Diarrhea - e) Pneumonia

Colonized Infection means **germs are on the body**, but **do not make you sick**. People that are **colonized will have NO SIGNS or SYMPTOMS**.

These are Standard Precautions we should all be practicing to help prevent the spread:

- 1) HAND WASHING 20 SECONDS
- 2) PPE
- 3) ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING
- 4) INJECTION SAFETY
- 5) RESPIRATORY HYGIENE / COUGH ETIQUETTE and TRANSMISSION BASED
PRECAUTIONS (CONTACT, DROPLET and AIRBORNE)

Working in collaboration and lending ourselves as resources to one another will enable everyone to be better equipped at flattening the curve and staying safe.

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