



## **MEMO FROM RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE NEW YORK**

DATE: 03/24/2020

On March 22, 2020 an individual staying at Ronald McDonald House New York (RMH-NY) tested positive for COVID-19. The individual remains at a medical facility for treatment. RMH-NY has taken extensive precautionary measures already to minimize potential exposure to both families and staff. This includes putting in place social distancing and the closing of all common spaces in the House 12 days ago. With these measures in place already, the House feels confident that there was little to no exposure to anyone in House besides the family at this time.

RMH-NY continues to follow the guidance and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State and New York City Departments of Health, World Health Organization (WHO), Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and each of our partnering hospitals. We are closely monitoring this situation to ensure the health and well-being of our families, staff, and volunteers as they remain our top priority.

### **About Ronald McDonald House New York**

Since our founding in 1979, Ronald McDonald House® New York has provided temporary lodging and care for more than 59,000 families while their child battles cancer. When families must travel to New York City for the advanced cancer treatment they can't get anywhere else, they can find a loving place to stay at our House. We're proud to provide a supportive, caring place that keeps families close when they need each other most.

Located on East 73rd Street in Manhattan and in close proximity to 8 major hospital systems, Ronald McDonald House New York welcomes children and families from across the world. The House can accommodate 95 families including 6 post-transplant suites. We offer families additional support through wellness programs, tutors, music, art, transportation, activities for siblings, holiday and birthday parties, and camaraderie. At our House, families are welcomed with love and comfort. Lifelong friendships are formed among people who understand what it's like to cope with such a devastating diagnosis. Here, families fighting cancer find the hope and support they need.