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*With us, you're not just a number...
you're family!*



FROM THE SMITH'S

*On safety,
for ourselves
and others...*

ISLAND CAREGIVERS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR PERSONAL CARE AIDES OF SI HOMECARE AGENCY

Dear Staff and PCAs,

Protocols and policies are crafted by agency management for the safety and protection of everyone. These policies are not for targeted employees but it applies to everyone.

We cannot stress enough the value of taking precautions and protecting yourselves and others by following the agency protocols:

- **ON WEARING MASK:** In public, when social distancing is not possible, in your client's home when face to face with the client or around someone who visits your client
- **WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER:** Especially coming from outside the house or before attending or greeting your client
- **USING HAND SANITIZER:** After getting off from any public transportation or going to public places like groceries or pharmacies
- **WASH YOUR REUSABLE MASK**
- **MANDATORY COVID SCREENING TOOL AND SWAB TEST:** Anyone who came from NYC, or any compromised area (hospital, doctor's clinic, etc) should fill up the COVID Screening tool and take a COVID Swab test
- **UPON ENTERING THE OFFICE, CLIENT'S HOME AND RENTED HOUSES:** Remove your shoes or sanitize it with alcohol. Leave shoes downstairs and do not wear them in your bedrooms
- **WHEN CLIENT NEEDS TO GO TO HOSPITAL FOR EMERGENCY:** Do not volunteer to go with the client if family member is present. Remain in the client's house or wait for further instructions. If no family member available and you have to go with the client, wear the emergency PPE provided by the agency
- **NURSE OR MEDICAL PERSONNEL'S VISIT:** Always wear your mask. Sanitize your client's hands immediately after the medical personnel leave the house

These are some specific directions for now that we need to follow for our safety. Our agency nurse may add more instructions and safety protocols from time to time.

Please be conscious of these protocols as the state and neighboring states have registered surge of COVID-19 cases. We do not want any of us to be part of the state and the country's statistics. Let us be very careful of what we touch and where we go.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

by Ms. Jennie P. Smith

Last Sunday, October 18, I went to mass and I want to share with you my take home on the priest's homily from the gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21:

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God, the things that are God's'.."

Why is this relevant to most of us especially with the coming election? To quote the priest: "We are citizens of two states/country: citizens of the country we are born or naturalized into, and citizens of our faith."

As citizens of the country, we obey the rule of law and as citizens of our faith, we follow the teachings of our faith, right? But, oftentimes, it is not easy to separate the two as somehow, they are interrelated. The simple thing to do is follow our conscience (our inner feeling or voice guiding us to what is right or wrong).

But what if our concept of right or wrong is tainted by what we see or hear, by inaccurate information, by deep seated, all encompassing plan to present a position of strength. The what ifs are so many, so confusing that we have no other choice but face it with "trust my conscience".

When you do, think about our country- where it is now and where you want it to be a couple of years down the road for your children and your children's children.

VOTE WISELY and yes, VOTE as if your life depends on it!

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3- Ruth Cabrera and Luz Vergara
7- Genevieve Mendoza
14- Leon Vencer
18- Steffany Warain
24- Mercy Ash and Silco Plaza
25- Renea Tucker
27- Renato Salazar

♥ October ♥
Birthday Month!

LET'S CONNECT

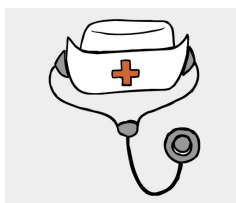


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- Lives or willing to relocate in East Long Island, NY

MALE PCA

- Caregiving experience
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- Will work 4-6 hours a day
- Can handle multiple clients



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