



November 14, 2021

To Residents and Family Members:

On Saturday of this week, November 13th, we collected COVID-19 testing samples from staff members that were exposed to an individual that tested positive for COVID-19 from the community. One staff member tested positive for COVID-19 and the remaining staff members tested negative.

When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, we are required to immediately begin outbreak testing and suspend all visitation until at least one round of facility-wide PCR testing is completed. If the first round of PCR testing reveals no additional COVID-19 cases, then visitation can resume. If the first round of PCR testing reveals one or more additional COVID-19 cases. Then visitation will remain suspended for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until we meet the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing. We are now required to test residents and staff weekly until we have 2 weeks of testing cycles with no new positive test results. If we have no new positives in that period we can discontinue testing residents.

Our COVID Committee continues to closely monitor COVID-19 and staying abreast of updates from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the local and state health department.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Panos

Administrator