

October 8, 2021

Families, friends, residents and staff;

We distributed a letter earlier this week to inform all parties of a staff member testing positive for COVID-19. Each staff member and resident, regardless of vaccination status, was tested for COVID with a PCR test which is more accurate than the rapid tests. Test results began arriving late on Thursday and continued through Friday. Unfortunately, we have to announce 2 additional positive tests have been returned for a total of three. Individuals with a positive test may return to work after 10 days if symptom free. We are still waiting for the remaining tests and at this time due to the weekend and holiday we may not receive them until Tuesday but we will update you if the remaining return before then.

It was been many months since we last entered outbreak status and we would like to remind people of the requirements set upon us by CMS and CDC.

- Visitations had to be cancelled with the exception of compassionate care visits. We will make individual considerations for compassionate care visits. Scheduled visits are classified as a social visit which is not allowed during response or outbreak status.
- Resident communal dining has been postponed, to maintain resident safety we are being creative with assistive dining.
- Group activities have been postponed and we have shifted to individual activities.
- Calls are being made prior to resident appointments to verify if the healthcare setting will accept the appointment, rescheduling is occurring as needed.
- Resident trips outside the facility are not recommended unless for an appointment or significant gathering such as a funeral. We had a conversation with the State Ombudsman representing St. Vincent's and she feels it is important for residents to not go on joy rides, family gatherings off-site, eating at a restaurant or other activities where exposing the public to COVID may occur.

Many of you are aware how we are slowly going through the building to renovate and modernize resident rooms. We are in process of replacing floors with commercial grade vinyl flooring in select resident rooms which are beyond repair. We have changed products to strip and wax floors and believe we will successfully return most rooms to an aesthetically pleasing surface. We will be focusing to make the remaining resident room floors a priority for the next fiscal year so each room has new flooring.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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