

March 04, 2022

Families, friends, residents and staff;

We are pleased to announce Tuesday's testing was our second consecutive week of negative COVID tests which allows us to officially declare the outbreak over. This was perfect timing for Ash Wednesday, everyone's prayers were heard. An extra special thank you to all our staff for their dedication and hard work. We may be out of the outbreak but the daily struggle continues. The end of the outbreak is also great timing for National Appreciation day on Friday which we will be rolling into next week as an extra special thank you.

The CDC publishes two sets of data for COVID community transmission; general public and vulnerable populations including healthcare workers. It is important to recognize this difference because the rate of community transmission determines the requirements we follow, including PPE and testing. Coos County continues to be in the High transmission category.

Recently, the CDC updated its testing guidelines for individuals who are not current with the CDC vaccination recommendation, including boosters. Until further notice, eligible staff who have not received the booster will be tested on the following schedule:

- Substantial to High- twice a week
- Moderate-once a week
- Low-no testing

Please do not visit if you have ANY cold or flu symptoms or experiencing any other illness.

- A mask must be worn that covers the nose and mouth while walking to the visitation location
- A face shield must also be worn by visitors while walking to a resident's room
- Visitors may not associate with other residents during the visit
- Maintain social distancing from other individuals
- Do not visit if you had an encounter with a potentially positive or COVID positive individual within the last 14 days or if any new onset of illness exists.
- From the date of positive COVID diagnosis, you must allow 10 days to pass before you may visit. Entry is allowed on day 11.
- Visitors should wait 10 days to visit if they have had a close encounter with someone who is COVID positive.
- Individuals continuing to present symptoms past day 10 may not enter the building.

Please anticipate the next update will be on Friday, March 25 unless otherwise necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns of any kind.

Kindly,

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