

January 19, 2022

Dear Residents and Families,

As Covid continues to spread throughout the nation, we continue to do our weekly testing for staff and residents. We are lab testing all staff (regardless of vaccination status) twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. We are also testing residents every Tuesday and are rapid testing any staff or residents who are showing any symptoms such as headache, congestions, fever, loss of taste and smell, GI symptoms, vomiting, body aches, shortness of breath, short throat, etc.

This week we have an additional three staff who have tested positive. They have been put on quarantine, taken off the schedule and are continued to monitor for symptoms.

Increased Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is still happening within Samaritan. Anyone entering the building is asked to wear an N95 Mask. When in resident areas eyewear or face shield is required. When on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor gown and gloves are required in resident rooms. We will continue these precautions through the duration of our outbreak.

Visitation is still allowed but highly discouraged due to our current outbreak. Visiting during an outbreak can lead to the potential risk of transmission of COVID-19, which can lead to illness, hospitalization, and even death.

This past week the Supreme Court upheld the CMS rule that all healthcare facilities receiving Medicare and Medicaid funding need to have all of their staff vaccinated. The 1<sup>st</sup> dose must be given and completed by January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Communication has been sent out to our employees of these new regulations.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please call our reception desk at 262-335-4500.

For the most up to date information please call our Campus Communication Hotline at 262-335-4599. This is the first place we update if we have a change in status regarding our visitation policy or outbreak status.

Thanks again for your flexibility, patience and understanding during these changing times.

Taya Walk

Campus Administrator