

January 21, 2022

Dear Residents and Families,

We have some additional cases to report of Covid-19. We had four Samaritan employees and one fields employees test positive. Testing will continue for staff and residents weekly. We are lab testing all staff (regardless of vaccination status) twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. We are also 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.

We understand that these frequent letters can be disheartening and scary at times but please know that our personal protective equipment (PPE) usage and precautions are working to keep our residents safe. It is estimated that staff are contracting the virus outside of work. Based on the number of positive cases we have had (31 staff) we have only had three residents test positive for the month of January and we were able to catch it early enough and isolate these individuals so it did not spread.

Another way to keep our residents safe is anyone entering the building is asked to wear an N95 Mask and face shield when in resident areas. 3rd floor was put and remains on transmissions based precautions. This is expected to be lifted on Monday as long as our residents remain healthy and continue to have negative test results.

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 1st dose must be given and completed by January 27th, 2022. We hope this additional step will further reduce our case count within the facility as well.

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.

Stay safe and hope you have a great weekend.

Taya Walk

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