January 24, 2022

Dear Residents and Families,

We have some additional cases to report of Covid-19. We had four Samaritan employees test positive over the weekend and one employee today test positive. This continues to be limited to only our staff and not our residents. For this reason, we are taking 3rd floor off of transmission precautions. When visiting, we recommend you wear an N95 mask and faceshield for the duration of your visit; this is for all units and floors.

Testing will continue for all staff twice a week and for all residents a minimum of once a week. Residents and staff who have any symptoms will also be tested.

Visitation is permitted but still discouraged as we are still in "outbreak". Outbreak is defined as one or more staff or resident who was in the facility any time during their infectious period. A facility remains on outbreak until 14 days passes without a positive exposure.

The vaccine mandate was put into place by CMS and is still in effect. All employees at Samaritan are required to have their first dose of the vaccine by January 27, 2022. If they do not comply by this date, they will be taken off the schedule and suspended without pay. This is due to the fact that any healthcare facility receiving Medicare or Medicaid funding will no longer be provided funds if they do not comply with this new regulation.

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.

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