

December 28th, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

We are at our most challenging point now relative to the COVID-19 virus at Samaritan Campus.

Yesterday afternoon, we received results from all of our residents' test and have additional COVID cases predominantly on our third floor of our skilled care. All affected residents and their POAs were notified last evening of the respective positive cases.

Due the fluctuate in numbers, we are doing rapid testing on all of our staff on a daily basis. We are doing this to ensure that we are identifying any positive or potential cases as soon as possible.

Since my note on 12/22/20 to all of you, we have several residents who have finished their earlier 14-day quarantine (due to exposure or testing positive) and have no apparent issues. However, we currently have 2 residents who are now in the hospital; 10 residents on our third floor who are positive (mostly asymptomatic to mild symptoms); and 2 positive assisted living residents that are in our RED zone on second floor.

We have 13 staff members who have tested positive with these most recent tests; several additional who are out on quarantine due to symptoms or in close contact with someone who is positive.

As I write this, I know that this information may be significantly unsettling. We are in constant contact with our Medical Director, who has reviewed all processes and procedures and he, along with the Health Department have approved all that we are doing at this point to help limit any potential spread.

We have enhanced training, cleaning processes, limited staff travel in the building, closed our breakrooms, discontinued any non-essential vendors, etc.

Staff is stepping up to cover open shifts. They know how important their care is for our residents and your family members. Please do not hesitate to call your specific nurse, if you have specific questions about your family member.

Additionally, we were notified today that our Vaccine Clinic is no longer scheduled for the 30th of this month as planned. The pharmacy is dealing with some scheduling conflicts. We have notified them that we are anxious to have this as soon as possible. We are hoping that it will be no later than next week. If you have not received the consent forms and FAQ sheet, please reach out to your social worker, who will facilitate this.

Things are happening rapidly with guidelines and information surrounding the COVID-19 virus and now the vaccine. We are strongly encouraging our residents and staff to consider the vaccine seriously – as it is an additional tool that needs to be added to address this pandemic.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Mari Beth Borek, Campus Administrator