

June 12, 2020

Dear Residents, Tenants and Families of Samaritan Campus,

Each week I provide you with information that you hopefully find helpful and perhaps offers some comfort in the midst of a virus and unprecedented situation like we have never experienced before.

Again this week, I am pleased to say – that as of the writing of this letter, we have no known positive cases of COVID-19 with any of our residents or staff.

This past Wednesday (6/10/2020) our Director of Nursing, Education Coordinator and our Housing Nurse Manager completed COVID testing on 119 of our residents/tenants.

We anticipated that it would take 48-72 hours to receive test results. So far, as of mid-afternoon today, we have received results of 115 of the 119 tests – and all have come back negative. We know that the remainder are still in process.

Our Director of Nursing receives this information. If we have any positive results, those will go to both our Director of Nursing as well as the Washington/Ozaukee County Health Department. The Health Dept. will make contact with the individual or responsible party. IF there is a resident that has a positive result, I will then notify all families that we have a positive case but will not be able to disclose the name of whom is positive unless it is your family member.

We continue to be very vigilant on all infection control practices. We continue to be fortunate as well in relation to having an adequate supply of person protective equipment (PPE).

Last week, again, we held parades of vehicles filled with family members (and many loving dogs!) as they circled through the parking lot of Samaritan. Residents loved it, as well as staff. All of us miss the “normal”. We know that this is especially hard for residents and families. We have still not received the “all clear” or guidance for reopening.

We know that we, along with every long term care facility, have the most vulnerable population. It is a delicate and moral balance of ensuring safety and health of those who are entrusted to our care – and still recognizing the quality of life that is so vital.

We are exploring more options as we wait for the State and Federal guidance.

We know that this virus has instilled some fear; it has removed choices and it has instilled kindness and patience that perhaps we did not anticipate.

Please help us by ensuring that we have your accurate email. Also know that all communications continue to be posted on our website at: www.samaritancampus.com.

Thank you –

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