

May 29, 2020

Dear Resident Families,
(Sent via email and USPS and posted on samaritancampus.com)

As shared with you in a previous email and website communication, Samaritan Campus will be following State guidance on COVID testing for all residents and staff.

There currently are no known positive cases for any of our residents or staff.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has implemented a plan to provide COVID-19 testing to all residents and staff within nursing homes and other long term care facilities such as assisted living facilities. There is growing evidence suggesting that persons with COVID-19 become infectious days prior to developing symptoms and can be infectious even if they develop only mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. Facility-wide testing will allow for the identification of silent (asymptomatic) infections early to limit the spread of COVID-19. This is especially important in nursing homes and assisted living facilities as residents are at a higher risk of serious illness or death due to COVID-19.

Samaritan Campus will begin testing residents, tenants and staff during the week of **June 8, 2020**. Testing is voluntary but is also highly recommended. The decision to be tested is at the discretion of the individual resident, tenant or the resident's representative.

Please note we will be testing all residents/tenants of Samaritan Campus unless we are notified that you do not want your loved one to be tested. If you choose to decline the COVID-19 testing being offered, you must contact Sara Roell at 262-335-4539 before the end of day June 5, 2020.

If you are in agreement with your loved one being tested there is nothing further you need to do. We anticipate we will receive testing results the week of June 15th.

If there are any positive test results, individuals will be notified of that test result. Additionally, if there are any cases on Campus, all residents, tenants resident representatives will be notified of this information with no names disclosed for privacy purposes.

Samaritan Campus continues to work diligently to maintain our infection control policy and procedures and keep all of our residents and tenants safe. We thank you for your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times. If you have any clinical questions, please continue to contact your specific nurse manager. Please continue to enjoy the virtual visit options with your families and the car parades that have, in a small way, brought families together.

Thank you,

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