

September 1, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

Each week this communication builds on previous communications, as well as it tries to capture the fluid changes of the week. Please feel free to read the earlier communications on our website at:

www.samaritancampus.com

For quick and timely updates of our Campus testing and events, you can call our campus communication hotline at 335-4599.

All results have been received from last week Wednesday testing (August 26, 2020). All 298 tests (residents and staff) were negative. We will again be testing both residents and staff tomorrow, September 2, 2020.

Testing strategies continue to be discussed at length and modified at the federal level. We are complying and modifying our frequency and type of testing as the information comes forth. We are now needing to watch (and test) based on the Washington County statistics. Because the County remains in a HIGH category, we may be going to twice a week testing based on the availability of tests and result times.

I continue to be on both national and state level calls each week. Although it seems frustrating to try to keep up with the changing requirements, these changes often reflect new science and data that modifies what we are doing. Once we see that these changes are a sign of progress, it is easier to be a part of.

Cumulatively, since mid-July, we have had two residents and six staff test positive for COVID-19. We had no cases from the beginning of March through mid-July. Both residents are cleared and doing well. All but two staff are back based on their quarantine days. The rest are fully recovered and no longer symptomatic.

We strongly encourage families to continue to sign up for video chats while we wait for the appropriate length of time before patio visits. If you have more specific questions related to your resident – please contact the floor nurse and or Nurse Manager or social worker.

Please stay safe; socially distance, and follow all recommended practices to help stop the spread.

Thank you,

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