

May 27, 2020

Hello,



This email is to inform you that we were notified yesterday that a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. This person was an LNA on the 2nd floor and her last day worked was Friday May 22; she has been out of the facility since.

We will continue to follow the plan as outlined below which was sent to you on May 24th, no additional changes will be made.

- As of Saturday May 23rd, we have implemented the use of full PPE for all staff on all floors and all departments going up to these floors as a precautionary measure until at least June 4th.
- As a precaution and while we await test results; as of May 21st late afternoon we have closed down the 3rd floor.
- Only staff working on that floor will be allowed on the unit; no crossover to other floors.
- All staff are wearing gowns, gloves, mask and face shield for protection of the residents and the spread of potential virus on the unit.
- They have been assigned one elevator and one set of stairs to use separate from all other floors.
- Resident are being encouraged to stay apart and those with fevers in their rooms.
- We are doing our best to practice social distancing but as you can imagine this is a bit difficult on this particular floor for a handful of the residents.
- Both dietary and environmental services have revised their procedures to better accommodate the restrictions put on the unit.
- Both 2nd and 4th floor residents are being kept on their respective floors in their room, using masks as necessary/needed.
- All window visit have been put on hold as a result however, Google Duo is still available to residents.
- Once the results are back and assuming to be negative, we will continue the isolation until June 4th using the guideline from the CDC of 14 days of isolation after exposure.
- All staff continues to be screened before entering the facility.

We are still waiting for the results on the test we did for all residents on May 21st. We heard today that the state is running behind in processing the results and it may be Friday before we hear anything.

Let's all hope for the best. I will update you as soon as we get the results back.

This notice to you is the requirement of CMS that I mentioned to you in my email on May 19th.

Sincerely,

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