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Hello Everyone,



This is an official update on our current status.

Today we received notice of 2 new staff members with positive results. One was the hairdresser and the other was an OT (occupational therapist). As a result, we gathered all the resident and staff names that these two individuals potentially had contact with. We then tested these residents and staff with the BD Veritor (a rapid COVID test); all the residents and staff tested were negative. As an added precaution we put the residents on quarantine.

Phone calls have been made to the families of any resident that was in contact with either of the two-positive people.

Per requirements, we contacted the Manchester Health Department, and because we have had 4 cases in the past 14 days we are now considered in "outbreak" status. This means we go back to Phase 0; closed to new admissions; all residents are on precautions; staff are in full PPE (personal protective equipment); no group activities; no dining in groups; and no visitation except for compassionate visits. We will be in Phase 0 and on precautions for at least 14 days starting today.

The following is in place:

- We will continue to check for symptoms on all residents three times a day.
- All staff continues to be screened before entering the facility.
- We continue to test all staff weekly.
- We are closed to new admissions.
- All residents are on precautions.
- Staff are in full PPE (personal protective equipment).

Testing:

All staff were tested this past Monday and all residents (except 9 on the Memory Care floor) were tested on Wednesday. The results of the testing from Monday and Tuesday were negative with the exception of the two positive staff noted above; we still have two tests pending.

DHHS dictates when we test residents based on the positivity of a staff or resident. At this time we will be testing everyone again next week on Monday.

Food Service:

If everything in the kitchen stays on track, all dietary staff will be returning to work on Sunday and we'll be back to normal operations. Tom has done a GREAT job keeping our meal service going without any hiccups.

Unless there are any additional or significant changes, this notice will replace my regular Friday communication letter.

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