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Hello Everyone,

On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, a second floor, day shift, LNA reported to the facility that she had tested positive for Covid-19. This employee was notified by a close contact of hers on 3/23/21 that they had tested positive for COVID-19. This prompted the employee to get tested, resulting in her finding out she too was positive. The exposure occurred on 3/19/21 and the employee worked on 3/22/21 for one 8-hour shift on the second floor, prior to knowing about her exposure or her testing positive. After her report of positive testing, she was removed from the schedule for any future shifts until she is deemed recovered.

The Manchester Health Department was contacted on 3/24/21 and the following interventions and actions were implemented based on CMS and DHHS guidelines.

- The second floor was placed on quarantine and staff are wearing full PPE (gowns, gloves, surgical mask over N95, and eye protection) (This will occur until we are otherwise advised).
- High touch surfaces were disinfected on the unit.
- All social indoor visitation was stopped (for the entire facility) pending a full round of PCR testing for both residents and staff to make sure no other cases are identified.
- Staff are not floating between units.
- Staff and residents that were present in the building on 3/24/21 were tested using the point of care antigen test, BinaxNow. These results have come back and are all negative.
- We continue to do staff screening before shifts
- All residents are assessed for signs and symptoms of Covid-19 3 times a day.

The mobile testing unit will be coming out this Friday and will be doing both staff and residents PCR testing. Until this is completed and results are returned the facility will continue with the above interventions and mitigation strategies. There is a good possibility that residents who are fully vaccinated will not have to remain on quarantine, but this will be determined after the first round of testing on Friday.

Sincerely,

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