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Hello Everyone,



Yesterday it was confirmed that a therapist tested positive for COVID. This therapist last worked on 10/8/21 and treated some residents/patients on all floors, prior to knowing about his exposure or his testing positive. He was wearing a mask and eye protection during his work time. This therapist was removed from the schedule for any future shifts until he is deemed recovered. Residents that were treated by this therapist on Friday were tested using the point of care antigen test, BinaxNow. These results have come back and are all negative.

The Manchester Health Department was contacted today and the following interventions and actions were implemented based on CMS and DHHS guidelines.

- We are closed to admissions
- The residents/patients that the therapist came in contact with were placed on quarantine and staff are wearing full PPE when caring for them, this will occur until we are otherwise advised.
- All 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. Compassionate care visits already in place may continue however full PPE will be required throughout the visit.
- There is no group dining or activities (individual activities will continue)

## The following interventions also continue to be in place:

- All approved unvaccinated staff continue to wear an N95 mask and surgical mask and eye protection
- All other staff are wearing a surgical mask and eye protection at all times and in all resident/patient care areas
- We screen all staff upon entering the building
- All residents are assessed for signs and symptoms of Covid-19, 2 times a day and if there is a noticeable change in their condition

We are currently waiting for a scheduled PCR test for all residents/patients and staff. Until this is completed and results are returned the facility will continue with these interventions and mitigation strategies.

Sincerely,

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