

October 14, 2021

Hello Everyone,

This is an **alert letter** in addition to being my **weekly newsletter**.

Today another staff member tested positive for COVID. This staff member works in administration and has no contact with residents/patients. We also believe it is unrelated to the therapist testing positive as this person has recently attended a large wedding. They were sent home and have been removed from the schedule.

We did get the PCR test packets in this morning and have been testing residents/patients and staff all day. We will be taking the first round of tests up to the state tomorrow morning early and hopefully get the results back by tomorrow night (wishful thinking I suppose 😊). Once we hear back I will send out an update to you.

After talking with the Manchester Health Department yesterday, the following interventions and actions were implemented based on CMS and DHHS guidelines.

The following interventions continue to be in place:

- We are closed to admissions
- The residents/patients that the therapist came in contact with last Thursday and Friday were placed on quarantine and staff are wearing full PPE when caring for them.
- **All visitation was stopped (for the entire facility);** 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).
- 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.

Because of the positive staff member today, we will continue with these interventions and mitigation strategies until October 28th (14 days after a positive test).

Other than the COVID news it was/is a quiet week. We continue to work on setting up the booster vaccine but are at the mercy of our pharmacy in getting it scheduled.

New Hampshire remains in the RED zone for transmission rate. Wear you masks!!!

Past News Letters/Other Info:

- ✓ News letters are posted on our web site under COVID Updates.
<https://mtcarmelrehabcenter.org/covid-19-update/> .
- ✓ MTC's visitation guidelines can be found on our web site.
<https://mtcarmelrehabcenter.org/covid-19-update/> .
- ❖ The reporting method for the current level of Community Transmission in the state via the CDC's reporting system is now color-coded; Gray = No Data, **Blue** = Low Transmission, **Yellow** = Moderate Transmission, **Orange** = Substantial Transmission, **Red** = High Transmission: If this type of info interest you please go to:
https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_community for more information.

Monthly ZOOM Meeting:

Our next zoom meeting will be on **October 21st at 6pm**, mark your calendars; an invite will go out prior to that meeting. On this call we will be featuring out Infection Preventionist Linda Corkum and what her job is.

Hiring:

2-3 Part-time receptionists for evenings and weekends. We also have openings in housekeeping, dietary and nursing. Please spread the word 😊 Go To:
<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/All/1a2915aa-7fbd-4325-96f0-1ace5d58d007/New-Hampshire-Catholic-Charities?location=All%20Locations&department=Mt.%20Carmel>

Have a great week,

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