

December 10, 2021

Hello Everyone,

Here is the current update with regards to the status of COVID -19 in the building, we have unfortunately had a total of 3 positive staff members this week. The staff that have tested positive have been removed from the schedule and the facility and will follow the CDC guidance for return to work, with a minimum of 10 days out of the facility. One staff member is an LNA, one works in laundry and the third works in rehab. We have identified the residents that have had a possible exposure to these individuals. At this time, we have had no residents test positive for COVID-19. We do have an option for a prophylaxis treatment available for use in residents that may have been exposed to COVID-19, or who test positive for COVID-19. Dr. Alvarez, our Medical Director, agrees with offering this therapy for the individuals that meet the criteria.

We continue to work with the Manchester Health Department, and are scheduled to test all staff and residents at least once weekly for the next two weeks. In order for weekly testing to cease we need to have two full rounds of negative tests for both staff and residents.

There are no changes to visitation at this time. We continue to encourage you to wear your masks during your entire visit, regardless of vaccination status.

NH Transmission Rate:

New Hampshire remains in the **RED** zone or at a substantial/high community transmission rate.

The following interventions and actions continue to be in place:

- Approved unvaccinated staff continue to wear an N95 mask, surgical mask and eye protection at all times and in all resident/patient care areas.
- 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, visitors, vendors, and other healthcare providers 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 test all approved non-vaccinated staff two times per week per state guidelines (this is on hold while we are testing all staff and residents once weekly)

Past News Letters/Other Info:

- ✓ News letters are posted on our web site under COVID Updates.
<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 Thursday, December 16th at 6pm, mark your calendars; an invite will go out prior to that meeting.

Hiring:

We have an opening for a part-time fill in receptionist. We also have openings in housekeeping, dietary and nursing. If you or anyone you know is interested in working as a full or part-time Unit Aide please contact Roxanne Ashby ADNS @ 935-4612. 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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