



The Williamsport Home

August 5, 2022

Dear friends and families,

This letter serves to ensure you are informed of the COVID status in our facility. This information is very fluid and could change at any time. As always, we will keep you informed as new information is received.

Facility COVID positive numbers are noted in the table below. All newly positive cases are communicated to staff and our resident's primary contacts within 24 hours of identified cases, via our one-call phone notification system.

Number of cases	This table demonstrates data from July 30, 2022 through August 5, 2022.
0	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
1	Confirmed: Staff with new positive COVID-19
0	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

Current Testing and Isolation- Since last week's letter, we have had just one positive employee. This employee worked on Ravine Ridge during at time in which she may have been contagious. All residents on that unit were tested and were negative. We are also still testing residents on the 200, 300, and 400 halls from the previous positive employees and all were negative this week. We do still have one positive resident on the 300 hallway who will come off isolation early next week. We will continue to test residents and staff next week and if no new cases are identified, we will be considered clear again.

County Positivity Rates- Our county positivity rate is 7.84% according to the CDC website on 8/5/22. While this is a decrease from last weeks percentage, the transmission risk is still noted as high. Please be aware of the continued risk this poses to you. We recommend wearing a mask in public spaces, avoiding large gatherings, washing hands frequently, and getting the vaccine or boosters if you are eligible.

Visitation- We ask that you please refrain from visiting even if you have minor symptoms such as a runny nose or sore throat. All visitors are required to follow the COVID infection control guidelines posted throughout our facility. This includes wearing a mask when visiting. I have received reports that some visitors are not always agreeable to wearing a mask while visiting and are pushing back against our staff when being addressed. Please be aware that if you do not follow the visitation protocols, you will not be permitted to visit for the safety of our residents and staff.

Vaccines and Boosters- CDC is strongly encouraging a second booster for those over 50. We are holding booster clinics for our residents and staff on a routine basis. We ask that you be open to allowing your loved one to receive the second booster, if you haven't already. We are happy to answer your questions to alleviate any reservations you may have regarding the vaccine. While vaccinated residents and staff may still contract the virus, the vaccines are preventing serious illness and/or death.

We continue to follow guidance from the CDC, Department of Health, and CMS. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our masking, screening and social distancing protocols for our facility. Our utmost priority is to protect the residents, staff, and their families. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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