



The Williamsport Home

August 12, 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 August 6, 2022 through August 12, 2022.
0	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
0	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- We have not had any new COVID positive cases since last week. Therefore, we are considered clear from outbreak testing. We will continue to monitor our residents and staff for symptoms of COVID and will test as needed following current CDC guidance. As such, you will not receive another one of these letters until the facility identifies a COVID positive case that would require resident testing.

County Positivity Rates- Our county positivity rate is 9.18% according to the CDC website on 8/12/22. This is an increase from last week's percentage and 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- CDC released new COVID guidance for this week for the those living in the community. Please be aware that THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES IN THE NURSING HOME REGULATIONS REGARDING MASKING, TESTING, AND ISOLATION PROCEDURES. As such, all visitors are still 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,

Tammy Sheehan, NHA
Nursing Home Administrator