



# The Williamsport Home

July 29, 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 22, 2022 through July 29, 2022.
1	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
3	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 identified three new positive staff and one new positive resident over the past week. While these employees maintained their mask when interacting with residents, we are still required to test all residents on the units that they worked on. Currently the residents on the 200, 300, 400, and Ravine Ridge Units are being tested. In testing the residents in these hallways, we did find one positive resident on the 300 hallway. That resident has been placed on transmission-based precautions for a minimum of 10 days. The employees who tested positive have been advised to remain off work, following isolation protocols. We will continue to test residents and staff per guidelines until we have no new positive cases per unit for 14 consecutive days.

**County Positivity Rates-** Our county positivity rate is 11.36% according to the CDC website on 7/29/22. And, the transmission risk is noted as high. Like many counties in Pennsylvania, we are seeing an increase in cases and is likely due to a new variant that is much more easily spread. 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. According to the CDC, people exhibiting these symptoms are testing positive for COVID. All visitors are required to follow the COVID infection control guidelines posted throughout our facility. These expectations include completing the COVID questions on our Accu-Shield system at the front desk. If you answer yes to any of the symptom, exposure, or pending COVID test questions, you will NOT be permitted to visit for the protection 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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