



The Williamsport Home

June 24, 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 June 18, 2022 through June 24, 2022. |
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| 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- We had one new employee test positive since last weeks letter. This employee did not work in the facility during their infectious period. Therefore, there was no risk to residents or staff and no need to extend testing. All previously positive staff and residents have completed their quarantine and are off of isolation. At this point the facility is considered cleared and outbreak testing has stopped. As such, this will be the last COVID letter you will receive until we have another positive case with impact to facility testing. We will continue to monitor staff and residents for signs and symptoms of COVID and will test as needed following current guidelines.

County Positivity Rates- Our county positivity rate is 6.7% according to the CDC website on 6/24/22. This is a decrease from last week's positivity rate; however, transmission risk is considered substantial. Please be aware of the continued risk this poses to you. We recommend wearing a mask in public spaces, avoiding large gatherings, washing your 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 any 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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