



The Williamsport Home

September 9, 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 September 3, 2022 through September 9, 2022.
0	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
2	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 had two employees test positive for COVID since last weeks letter. These two employees interacted with various residents on the 200, 300, 400, and Ravine Ridge units. Residents on those units who had contact with these two employees were tested and all were negative. We will retest them again in 5-7 days.

County Positivity Rates- Our county positivity rate is 10.48% according to the CDC website on 9/9/22. 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- While the CDC has relaxed some of the COVID isolation and PPE protocols for those in the community, 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.

Vaccines and Boosters- The FDA has just issued emergency use authorizations of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines, allowing **bivalent** formulations of the vaccines for single booster doses at least two months following primary or booster vaccines. The boosters we were using were **monovalent**. The bivalent formulations are updated boosters designed to provide immunity against the SARS-CoV-2 omicron variant, a more aggressive variant of COVID. As such, we are currently pausing our booster clinics until we receive further guidance regarding access to and administration of these new versions of the booster. We will keep you informed as we prepare to offer and administer these newer boosters to our residents.

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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