

The Williamsport Home

September 4, 2020

Dear Residents, Families, and Caregivers,

As a continued effort to keep you informed of any COVID-19 activity, please see updated information on our current numbers.

Number of cases	
0	ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19
0	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
0	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

Since our last letter dated August 28, 2020, there have been **0** resident confirmed and **1** new staff confirmed positive for COVID-19. In addition, we have had **0** new clusters of respiratory conditions this week for residents and **0** new clusters of respiratory symptoms for staff this week.

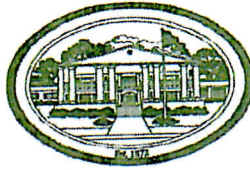
As of Friday, 8/28/2020, an order was placed for all Nursing Homes were to begin routine staff COVID-19 testing based off of the positivity rate of the county in which the facility is located. Even if a staff member was not showing any signs or symptoms, testing is still required to be 100% of the staff. There are three categories involved with this testing:

1. Low, which means that the county positivity rate was less than 5% and would require the nursing home to test 100% of the staff once monthly.
2. Medium, which means that the county positivity rate is 5%-10% and would require the nursing home to test 100% of the staff once weekly.
3. High, which means that the county positivity rate is greater than 10% and would require the nursing home to test 100% of the staff two times in a week.

The rate of positivity when The Williamsport Home checked this week was right at 5%, which prompted the facility to begin 100% staff testing for COVID-19. The facility began testing a smaller group of employees on Tuesday and proceeded testing on Wednesday and Thursday. The contracting lab enables the facility to review results as they are getting them completed. On 9/3/2020 the facility identified a positive COVID-19 result of an Asymptomatic staff member. Of the 73 test results that we have received back, 72 are negative. The facility will continue to receive test results over the next couple of days.

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As a part of having a staff member test positive for COVID-19, there are different things that the facility must comply with. We need to immediately suspend our reopening plan, effective immediately. The facility will be required to test 100% staff and 100% residents weekly until the facility has no COVID-19 positive results for 14 days. Once we are able to go 14 days without any positive results, we will then be able to begin our reopening plan at step 1. Seeing that the facility has to go back to the beginning of any type of reopening, the following will be restricted:

1. There will be no outdoor visitations.
2. All non-essential personnel are restricted from the facility.
3. Any communal dining or activities is restricted.
4. Beauty/Barber services are restricted.

Items that have been completed thus far are: communication with Department of Health, Communication with RRHCP and communication with epidemiology. The facility completed initial testing of all residents and will now continue with required weekly testing of all residents and staff members, until no positive results. Resident Safety and Infection Prevention has and will continue to be our number one focus within the facility.

Our communication continues to be conducted via mailed letters, The Williamsport Home Facebook page and www.thewilliamsporthome.com As always, if you have any questions, comment or concerns please reach out to either me, Stephanie Fry (Director of Nursing) or Sue Hooker (Infection Preventionist).

Sincerely,

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