



# The Williamsport Home

June 3, 2022

Dear friends and families,

This letter serves to ensure you are informed on 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. These positive cases were 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 May 26, 2022 through June 3, 2022.
3	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-** One of the above positive employees had provided care to residents in the 200 and 400 units during a time in which they did not have symptoms but may have been contagious. The other two staff did not have resident contact. Residents on these units were tested, and all were negative. The 3 positive residents identified since last week were from ongoing testing on Ravine Ridge and have no symptoms. Residents with an active COVID diagnosis will remain on isolation for 10 days from their positive test date (note the test date is day 0). This time frame could extend for these residents should they develop symptoms. We will continue testing per guidelines until no new cases are identified.

**County Positivity Rates-** Our county positivity rate is 13.28% according to the CDC website on 6/3/22, and our transmission risk is noted as high. Please be aware of the increased cases in our community and the risk this poses to you. We recommend reinstating the use of a mask in public spaces, avoiding large gatherings, washing your hands frequently, and consider 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-19 infection control guidelines posted throughout our facility. These expectations include completing the COVID questions on our Accu-Shield system at the front desk. Our question on the system changed this week so please read and respond to them correctly. We have had a number of visitors flagging in the system, which alerts our staff to respond, only to find that the questions were not answered correctly.

**Vaccines and Boosters-** CDC is strongly encouraging a second booster be provided to those over 50. We are providing booster clinics at our facility on a routine basis and are asking that you be open to allowing your loved one to receive the second booster, if you haven't already. We are finding that, while our residents and staff may still contract the virus despite vaccination, being up to date with the vaccine is preventing serious illness.

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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