



The Williamsport Home

May 26, 2022

Dear friends and families,

We are restarting these weekly COVID updates due to a current outbreak in the 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 18, 2022 through May 26, 2022.
6	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
5	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- Some of the above positive employees had provided care to residents in the 200, 300, and Ravine Ridge units during a time in which they did not have symptoms but may have been contagious. Residents on these units were tested, resulting in identification of 6 positive residents. All 6 residents have no symptoms, are up to date with vaccines, and are on isolation in private rooms on Ravine Ridge. Remaining residents on all three units will be retested per guidelines. Residents on isolation 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.

County Positivity Rates- Our county positivity rate is 12.65% according to the CDC website on 5/26/22, 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 and wearing a well-fitting mask when entering the building and throughout your visit, regardless of your vaccine status. In addition, you must maintain 6 feet of distance from other residents and staff, and no more than 2 visitors are permitted at a time in semi-private rooms.

Vaccines and Boosters- COVID-19 vaccines and boosters continue to be provided to our residents and employees as a matter of safety and to prevent COVID outbreaks in our facility. Currently all residents are up to date with COVID vaccines and boosters if eligible. All of our staff have received the initial vaccine and many have received boosters as well. We continue to hold vaccine clinics for residents and staff.

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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