



A National Lutheran Community

To: All residents, families and team members
From: Kyle Hreben, Executive Director
Date: August 11, 2021
Subject: Community-wide Path Forward Update
(SECOND COMMUNICATION)

Memorandum

I need to update everyone regarding the communication that was sent out earlier this afternoon about a resident in our independent living community testing positive for COVID-19. The resident took a rapid test on Monday that showed positive results. In an abundance of caution and to safeguard our community, we immediately advised the resident to quarantine as per our COVID-19 protocols and CDC guidelines. The resident also took a PCR (lab) test at the same time. As you may know, the PCR tests provide the most accurate results, however, the PCR tests usually take several days before results are conclusive and complete.

We are happy to report that the resident's PCR test result came back negative, which means that the rapid test taken earlier yielded a false positive result. ***With this update, I am happy to report that at The Village at Rockville we do not have any positive cases for COVID-19 at this time.***

While we are very excited to report that we do not have any positive cases for COVID-19, we are ever mindful that we must continue to do everything we can to keep our community safe. Our apologies for the distribution of information that was later found erroneous, however false positives happen sometimes in the testing environment. Whenever we receive a positive test, we must always act quickly and according to CDC guidelines for the safety of our community.

Again, it is important to communicate with Infection Preventionist, Stephanie Winters, if you test positive for the virus. Please contact her at 301-354-8459 or via email at swinters@thevillageatrockville.org. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you self-isolate and not engage with the general population until you have a confirmed negative test.

Though a majority of residents have received the COVID-19 vaccine, breakthrough cases can happen, and it is important that we all remain vigilant in our efforts to prevent the spread of the virus within this community. That said, keep masking, social distancing and practicing proper hand hygiene.

Again, we apologize for the inconvenience, and wish you a safe and restful evening.