



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

Memorandum

On Monday, August 9, we learned that an Independent Living resident at The Village at Rockville tested positive for COVID-19. As you know, resident safety and well-being are our top priority. We remain in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps and we are following all guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

To protect this resident's privacy, we are not able to share their name or location of residence. We can share that this resident is following The Village at Rockville's protocols for Independent Living residents and has been in isolation since the positive test. We are requiring that the resident remain quarantined for 10 days beginning Monday. The resident will continue with isolation measures, following protocols from The Village at Rockville and the resident's primary care physician. The resident is doing well at this time and our prayers are with them for a strong recovery.

Contact with this resident in the community was very limited. Self-quarantining for residents or team members in the community is not required or necessary. The Village at Rockville will continue to follow all current protocols.

This is another reminder for all of us that we must work together and remain vigilant in our efforts to keep our community safe. We continue to encourage residents and team members to follow state orders, CDC guidelines and the protocols in place at The Village at Rockville. Though many are vaccinated from COVID-19, 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. We must also continue to take precautions in public places, like wearing a mask, staying six feet apart from others, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces and washing your hands often. We remain grateful for your patience, support and observance of all efforts that are helping us minimize exposure at The Village at Rockville.

Please note, however, that visitation guidelines remain unchanged in independent living and the Health Center. Any visitors who come into the community who are not feeling well should leave immediately, quarantine at home and seek guidance from their primary care physician.

There will be a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. In addition to being able to offer this for our team members and residents, we are pleased to offer the vaccine series to families and friends. In order to attend the clinic, please contact Erin Wheeler at 301-354-8423 or ewheeler@thevillageatrockville.org. The Moderna vaccine will be administered. You will need to submit a consent form to Erin Wheeler no later than Friday, August 20. If you are receiving your first dose, the second dose will need to be administered four weeks after, and Erin will keep you updated regarding those details.

We continue to encourage everyone to be vaccinated as vaccination continues to minimize the effect of COVID-19 and its variants on health care outcomes.

Enjoy the rest of your week!