



A National Lutheran Community

To: Health Center Residents, Families and Team Members
From: Kyle Hreben, Executive Director
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Subject: Health Center Path Forward Update

Memorandum

Earlier this week we informed you that a team member tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, and in compliance with Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, we tested all residents living in the Health Center, regardless of vaccination status. I am pleased to report that all (lab/PCR) tests for residents returned negative. We will be presenting these results to the Maryland Department of Health and abide by their guidance. We are unable to move forward with resuming visitation, communal dining or resident group programs until MDH authorizes us to do so. We will continue to test newly admitted residents through the remainder of the week.

Our state and federal guidelines also require that team members get tested for COVID-19 whenever we receive one positive test result within our community. We will have those test results in the next few days, and will follow up with you when they are received. We cannot resume in-person visitation, however, until those results are received.

Yesterday, state and federal governments mandated that all team members working in nursing homes and hospitals be vaccinated. Coincidentally, we had been working on policy and practices surrounding team member vaccination prior to the release of these mandates. We will release news of this policy to residents, team members and families soon.

While these additional precautions may feel challenging, they are necessary as we endeavor to keep everyone in our community safe. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we continue to walk this path forward together.

For reference:

Path Forward /COVID Dashboard www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward