



A National Lutheran Community

To: All residents, families and team members
From: Erin Wheeler, Healthcare Administrator
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Subject: [Path Forward Update](#)

Memorandum

As we completed our COVID-19 testing on Tuesday, December 21, our total asymptomatic team member result is 11 positive cases. All resident testing has also been completed, and one asymptomatic resident also tested positive for the virus. As a reminder, we do provide a resource that displays the current impact of COVID-19 on our community on the Path Forward page of our website [here](#).

In collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), we will continue with our plan of weekly testing until otherwise directed. This includes team members, residents and routine care partners – regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, we decided to have both residents and direct care team members wear KN95 masks for the time being. All other team members will continue to wear surgical masks. We continue to assess residents daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, as we have done since the earliest days of the pandemic.

As a reminder, we can continue with in-person visitation, with slightly adjusted guidance, as shared earlier this week.

- Children younger than two years old are not authorized to visit
- Any visitor who cannot follow masking and social distancing requirements will not be allowed to visit at this time

At this time of year, colds and the flu are always prevalent. To best protect residents and team members, we ask that if you are experiencing any symptoms of any illness, even if it's believed to be allergies, that you not visit the community at this time. We also encourage you to be tested for COVID-19 so that you are aware of your personal health status. Virtual visits are still available for those who are not able to visit in person. The sign up can be found [here](#).

Knowing that we have such a high vaccination rate among team members and residents, Maryland's epidemiology team reminded us this week that the vaccine is currently protecting us from getting the virus or from symptoms of the virus. While this recent raise in COVID-19 cases in our community can be seen as a setback, we are grateful for the progress that we have made over the past 21 months. With testing accessibility, proper personal protection equipment, vaccines, boosters and our gained knowledge and experience, we can much more confidently approach this hurdle together. Thank you for your continued encouragement and support!

CDC Resource: [The Possibility of COVID-19 after Vaccination: Breakthrough Infections](#)