



A National Lutheran Community

To: All Health Center residents and families
From: Erin Wheeler, Healthcare Administrator
Date: November 15, 2022
Subject: Health Center Path Forward update

Memorandum

As of the writing of this memo, we have four long-term care residents on 2 Virginia and three assisted living residents on 1 Potomac who have tested positive for COVID. Through contact tracing, we identified the exposure of our long-term care residents. Unfortunately, we are not able to identify the source of our assisted living residents' positive cases.

Those positive are doing well and are following current guidance for quarantine. Team members and residents with potential exposure will be tested and monitored according to the Maryland Department of Health regulations. We continue our infection control protocols and disinfecting to help mitigate the spread of COVID.

It is crucial anyone who visits our community follow the visitation guidelines below.

Health Center visitation guidelines:

- If you are ill or not feeling well do not visit.
- Visitors are not required to be tested for COVID; however, we encourage all visitors to be tested on their own before coming to our community.
- All visitors shall wear a mask (no cloth masks allowed) at all times.
- If you have recently tested positive for COVID, visitors may not visit for a minimum of ten days from the positive test date, if they are no longer exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Upon each entry to the Health Center:
 - Visitors must complete the COVID-19 screening
 - Perform hand hygiene (alcohol-based hand sanitizer acceptable)
 - Put on a fresh mask provided at the front desk of the Health Center.
- If any visitor is unable to follow the infection control protocols, they will not be allowed to continue their visit. Visitors younger than 2 years old are discouraged from visiting.
- Visitors can visit anytime throughout the day but may not stay overnight.
- Visitors are authorized to be in a resident's room/apartment or in designation visitation areas with their loved one.
- Visitors may not join in any programming/activities at this time.

We continue to update our Path Forward dashboard with any COVID cases on our campus.
<https://www.thevillageatrockville.org/path-forward/>.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to keep our residents, staff, and visitors safe.