



October 15, 2020 UPDATE COVID-19 Positive Cases

RE: Positive Cases of COVID-19

Dear Residents, Families and Responsible Parties,

We are writing this letter today to provide both a recap of what has happened since our last letter on October 13th and where we are today with the current COVID-19 outbreak in the Care Center first floor. **Yesterday evening we had one additional resident test positive on the first floor of Care Center. This brings the total residents that have tested positive to 18 during the current outbreak.** This resident was the roommate spouse of another resident who had tested positive earlier in the week so we don't feel this is a new spread. We have received all of the other Care Center and ET Rehab resident COVID-19 lab test results back from yesterday and they were negative. Any residents that have tested positive for COVID-19 have been moved from 1st floor Care Center to 3rd floor Eastside Terrace COVID unit where dedicated staff will care for them. **We have also had 1 additional staff member test positive bring the staff number up to 9 staff test positive.**

Today we learned of an IL Cottage resident who has tested positive for COVID-19. This case is totally unrelated to other COVID-19 cases on campus and was from an **off-campus exposure.** The resident has not had any contact with other Lakeview residents or staff so we believe exposure risk to others is very minimal. The resident has minimal symptoms and will be self-quarantining in the home for the next 14 days.

I must caution that the test results are only good for the time when they were collected and the virus just may not have reached detectable levels at that time. We must remain vigilant over the next two weeks as this virus has up to a 14 day incubation period. We will be testing residents again this evening and will continue testing staff the rest of this week with a second round of testing that will end Friday. While this current outbreak is scary, according to medical experts, this is the timeframe where the majority of cases are found through COVID-19 testing. We are finding these cases early, which allows for quicker isolation and initiation of treatment regimens.

We have been keeping the Johnson County Health Department informed of the situation and all actions we are taking. They strongly support our actions. Furthermore, we have consulted with our Medical Director, Dr. Garcia, who in consultation with Dr. Sears, concur with our actions. Both Dr. Garcia and Dr. Sears examined the Care Center and Eastside Terrace floors for Infection Control and other preventative measures. They continue to be impressed with how we have managed our licensed areas throughout the COVID pandemic. They believe the Care Center outbreak came from a "super spreading event" and not a breakdown in infection controls.



Lakeview is taking the following precautions:

- All Care Center and ET Rehab residents will be tested every couple of days
- Rapid Testing will be done quickly on any resident showing symptoms
- Testing frequency for staff continues at a twice-a-week frequency
- Any vendor or provider must have a negative COVID-19 test within the last 7 days
- Staff working in the licensed areas will be screened with temperature checks at the front door every 4 hours in addition to the twice weekly testing
- Dedicated staff will care for residents in each of their own neighborhoods
- Monitoring all residents blood pressure, temperature, and oxygen levels twice daily
- Ongoing staff education and training on infection control practices
- Using isolation precautions for all residents in licensed areas (i.e. isolation gowns, masks, gloves and eye protection are worn by staff when providing care to residents). Additional precautions and cleanings are being done in those areas where residents have symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19.

Unfortunately, with the ever increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the Johnson County area, the chances of anyone testing positive continues to increase. We strongly encourage everyone to practice social distancing of at least 6 feet, wear masks (we freely provide masks), and avoid large social gatherings while off campus.

Thank you all for your support. Updates will be provided as they become available.

Regards,

Lakeview Village Executive Team

