



URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: Friday October 9, 2020

TO: All Sauk County Health Care Community Members

FROM: Jennifer Vosen, Administrator

RE: Update on Status with Positive Case of COVID-19

Dear Sauk County Health Care Center Residents, Staff and Representatives,

On September 30th we updated everyone that one of our staff members tested positive for COVID-19 during our routine outbreak testing.

Today I am happy to inform you that results available at this time of our facility wide testing have indicated no further positive cases of COVID-19. We are awaiting results from one asymptomatic staff member due to a delay with the labs ability to report in a timely manner. We continue to have no other staff or residents presenting with symptoms of COVID and are screening regularly for presence of illness. We will be conducting one more round of facility wide outbreak testing to ensure no further exposures are identified.

Due to the high level of COVID activity in our community we will continue to conduct routine testing of all staff based on our county's COVID positivity rate as guided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Once all results are finally received, we will be working with families to resume window visits with our residents. Unfortunately due to the high level of community spread in Sauk County we will be unable to resume outdoor visits at this time. We will update everyone when those visits may resume.

Please know that we have followed, and will continue to do so, all guidance set forth for privacy, resident care, employee safety, and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 as provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health (DHS) and the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We remain in constant contact with resources to maintain the latest updates from all regulatory and public health providers.

When working directly with residents all staff are in the appropriate PPE to ensure the risk for transmission of this virus is minimized.

We also conduct a rigorous sanitation regimen that follows, and in some cases exceeds, all state and federal guidelines. We have increased the daily volume of cleaning done in common, medical and residential areas. All protective and medical equipment are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

Although this can be a challenge at times when providing medical care, our facility continues to practice safe distancing guidelines by limiting the number of people in one area and maintaining 6 feet of separation. Doors are shut in common areas to discourage group gatherings.

We continue to encourage family members to communicate regularly through FaceTime or Skype calls, phone calls, and emails. For more information on scheduling virtual visitation, please contact a member of our activities departments at (608) 524-7540.

Thank you again all for your continued support. We will provide updates to the current situation regularly. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Regards,

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