



09/13/2020

Dear Resident, Family Member/Loved One,

Facility COVID-19 Update:

We had 1 asymptomatic employee who tested positive for COVID-19 on 09/12/2020 and will be out of work for 10 days and 24 hours from symptom cessation if symptoms occur, according to the CDC guidelines. This asymptomatic employee was found during our universal testing due to an outbreak within the facility.

Our facility is currently in an “outbreak” as defined by CMS. An outbreak is defined by CMS as a new COVID-19 infection in any healthcare personnel or any nursing home-onset COVID-19 infection in a resident. We will continue to test all residents and staff every 3 to 7 days until testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 infection among staff or residents for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive.

Our facility continues to have an adequate supply of PPE, but we are using it on a crisis/contingency plan according to CDC and CMS to preserve it. All employees are wearing face masks universally while in the building, and using eye protection whenever a staff member is within 6 feet of a resident or providing direct care. Full isolation including gowns, gloves, masks and eye protection are being used on all units for direct patient care.

We continue to follow COVID-19 policy and procedures including increased hand hygiene, increased sanitation of high touch surfaces and monitoring of employees, essential visitors, and residents to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

To review: We now have 1 resident in the COVID-19 positive unit with dedicated staff on an isolated unit.

We will not be allowing in person visits during an outbreak as per the Arizona Department of Health Services guidance, but we will continue to offer window visits and face time visits etc.

During our universal testing this week we tested 239 employees, 237 negative 2 positive. We have also tested 173 residents, 172 negative, 1 positive.

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Any questions please reach out to any of our Leadership Team or Heather Friebus Administrator directly at 520-906-1538.