



July 17, 2020

To Residents and Resident Family Members of Licensed Areas:

As of Friday, July 3, 2020, we provided notification of our first COVID-19 positive resident. Then on July 10, 2020, we provided notification of one part-time employee that tested positive for COVID. Having a positive resident or employee in any licensed area, per CDC guidelines, requires “repeat testing of all previously negative HCP (healthcare personnel), generally between 3 days to 7 days, until testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 infection among residents or HCP for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive result.” As previously mentioned last week, we performed repeat testing this past Monday (July 13) on all residents residing in the Broad, Congaree and Saluda Skilled Nursing Neighborhoods. Then on Tuesday, July 14, we tested approximately 164 employees.

As of today, **all residents in the Broad, Congaree and Saluda Neighborhoods tested Negative for COVID-19.** One part-time employee who works in the licensed areas of Still Hopes tested positive for COVID-19 and three employees who work in another department outside of the licensed areas tested positive for COVID-19. All employees were found to be low risk in terms of potentially spreading the virus to other staff, residents or clients. These employees followed proper precautions while at work, such as wearing a mask and appropriate PPE.

We have notified public health officials as required and we are taking every step as recommended by authorities to contain the spread. **Employees will be tested again this coming week on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.**

We will be **testing ALL residents** living in the **Jane Bruce Neighborhoods: Broad, Congaree and Saluda this coming Monday, July 20, 2020.**

These are the precautions we are currently taking in specific Neighborhoods. If another Neighborhood has a positive case of COVID-19, these precautions will be implemented in that Neighborhood as well:

- Every resident in Broad and Congaree has been placed on droplet isolation.
- All staff working in Broad and Congaree are required to stay on his/her assigned Neighborhood throughout his/her shift. Food will be delivered to the Neighborhoods. Staff are not shared between Broad, Congaree and Saluda.
- All staff in the Jane Bruce Neighborhoods (Broad, Congaree, and Saluda) are required to wear a face shield in addition to their mask.
 - Face shields and KN95 masks are offered to any team member working in the Jane Bruce Neighborhoods and to anyone else requesting them.
- We are requiring all staff throw away their medical masks at the end of each day/shift before getting into their vehicles.
- We are placing an even stronger emphasis on social distancing with residents and proper mask wearing.
- All staff is required to check his/her temperature at the end of the shift in addition to before the shift begins.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Please keep our residents and staff in your thoughts and prayers as we work diligently to keep our Still Hopes Community safe and healthy.

Thank You,

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