



**To:** All Still Hopes Staff and Residents of the Cottages, Apartments, and Concierge

**From:** Danny Sanford, CEO

**Subject:** Coronavirus Update

**Date:** July 6, 2020

As of today, we received results that indicate two full-time employees of Still Hopes have tested positive for COVID-19. On Friday, July 3, we notified you about one of these employees and gave pertinent details. However, later on Friday, we received notification that another employee had also tested positive. Both employees were found to be low risk in terms of potentially spreading the virus to other staff and residents. Both employees followed proper precautions while at work, such as wearing a mask and appropriate PPE.

Also, after 5PM on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we received notification that a resident in our skilled nursing neighborhood, Congaree, tested positive for COVID-19. This is our **first** positive case of COVID-19 for a resident at Still Hopes. The resident was tested on Monday after showing symptoms, but due to delays from the testing locations, we received the results late Friday. This resident was already on isolation and proper precautions were in place. This resident was sent to the hospital for closer monitoring but is now back at Still Hopes.

We have notified public health officials as required and are following procedures recommended by the CDC. We are taking every step as recommended by authorities to contain the spread. As soon as we received the results, we placed every resident on Congaree on isolation and began deep cleaning processes in addition to our current Infection Control Procedures.

This news reminds us all of the importance of taking proper precautions during this time. Masks, hand washing, and social distancing are more important than ever. Doing these things dramatically lowers your risk of catching the virus from another person, especially if both people are wearing masks.

We appreciate your support during this unprecedented time. Still Hopes, as always, will continue taking every appropriate precaution in an effort to protect our people – meaning you as a staff member or resident.

Stay Safe, Socially Distance, Wear your mask (over your nose and mouth),

Danny