



**To:** All Still Hopes Staff and All Still Hopes Residents

**From:** Danny Sanford, Still Hopes CEO

**Subject:** DHEC COVID-19 Skilled Nursing Testing

**Date:** May 19, 2020

All,

Congratulations are in order for all the hard work and extra efforts of our healthcare team throughout this Public Health Crisis known as COVID-19. We knew that these workers and their leadership were working hard, putting in MANY extra hours, and taking unprecedented precautions to keep our residents, and the entire Still Hopes' family safe. The proof of this hard work has now surfaced and I wanted to share the news with you all.

Today, we received the final word that 100% of the COVID-19 testing done on our campus (a total of 293 tests) have received negative results. We remain virus free! For clarity's sake, this testing was performed on every resident and staff member in our Jane Bruce Guignard Skilled Nursing Neighborhoods and our Sanders Guignard Rehabilitation Suite.

This is a time to do two things: 1) Hug a healthcare worker (VIRTUALLY of course) and thank them for caring so deeply for our residents and for our entire Still Hopes family and, 2) do NOT let down your guard. This virus is still able to find its way onto our campus. It is still as deadly as ever.

Now, please accept my personal THANK YOU, ever so much, delivered here to our entire healthcare team. They are all amazing and wonderful members of our family and we need them and appreciate them more than they can know.

This healthcare team, lest we forget, includes a small army of nursing assistants, a lot of nurses, many culinary team members, a good number of environmental staff members, a few maintenance workers, an activity team, and various support staff from IT, Human Resources, Social Work, Solutions For Living At Home, Wellness and Medical Records. Also, we surely must call out the fact that our family members and our residents are a significant part of this success story. They have foregone face-to-face visits, and sacrificed time together now, hopefully to get a lot more of that precious commodity later on.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: It is important that you understand that we have one PRN staff member who is home, self-reporting that they are recovering from the virus. That person does not ever work in our healthcare areas, so they were NOT a part of the DHEC testing. Any employee or resident who came into contact with that employee has been met with, one-on-one, by our staff and they are, therefore, aware of the situation. If you have NOT been contacted by us regarding this situation, then you were NOT in contact with the individual through your Still Hopes employment, and therefore should have no associated risk from the employee. HIPAA guidelines do NOT allow us to disclose this individual's name, unless there is a legitimate reason, and that is why only affected employees would be aware of specifics.**