



STILL HOPES

Episcopal Retirement Community

August 7, 2020

To Residents and Resident Family Members of Licensed Areas:

Here is your weekly update on employee and resident testing. As I have mentioned in past correspondence, 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.”

To date we have tested residents and employees four weeks straight. All residents tested August 3rd in the Broad Skilled Nursing Neighborhood were found to be negative for COVID-19 except one resident’s vial that was damaged during transport. This resident will be retested. Then on Tuesday, August 4, 67 employees were tested and came back negative except for one positive PRN employee. Not all employees tested had direct contact or exposure to those residents living in the Broad Neighborhood. All employees were found to be low risk in terms of potentially spreading the virus to other staff, residents or clients. This employee followed proper precautions while at work, such as wearing a mask and appropriate PPE.

Employees will be tested again this coming week on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

We will be testing only those residents living in the Broad Skilled Nursing Neighborhood this coming Monday, August 10, 2020.

These are the precautions we are currently taking in specific Skilled Nursing 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 has been placed on droplet isolation precautions. Droplet isolation precautions will be discontinued when we negative results for both employee and resident for 14 consecutive days. .
- All staff working in Broad are required to stay on his/her assigned Neighborhood throughout his/her shift. Food will be delivered to the Neighborhood.
- 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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