

As you know, we are being very vigilant, screening residents and staff on a regular basis for Covid. We have been testing residents and staff regularly. As we reported to you last Friday, two residents on the C-2 nursing unit tested positive from the tests done earlier in the week. All residents were re-tested on Friday and none other were positive. We tested all residents on the C-2 nursing unit again today. Unfortunately, five residents on the C-2 unit tested positive today, though they were negative on Friday. We have designated the whole C-2 Unit a Red Zone for isolation purposes. Residents on that unit are all considered potentially exposed and possibly positive. Those who are not positive will be tested daily this week.

All staff of the facility are being tested Tuesday and Friday this week. As a precaution against spread, since it is so difficult to pinpoint who may be carrying the virus with no symptoms, we attempt to identify carriers as soon as possible. Any staff who report or present with any potential Covid symptoms are not permitted to work. They stay off work for prescribed period of time based on symptoms, potential exposure and of course, if testing positive even if there are no symptoms.

We are doing all we can to contain any spread of the virus. We have all the necessary supplies we need and staff are instructed in the proper protocols for this type of situation.

We had hoped to have a peaceful and healthy week as we lead up to Thanksgiving. We will still do all we can to assure the holiday is special for all our residents. We appreciate your support and understanding during these challenging times. Please be safe over the Thanksgiving holiday, very careful of your own potential exposure from those inside and especially outside your immediate household even if they are close relatives or friends. God Bless you. Please keep all our residents and staff in your prayers.

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