

October 6, 2020



Dear Residents, Patients and Families,

We hope you are all well as we send you our weekly update on the health and safety of our campus.

Since our communication to you last Wednesday letting you know that our surveillance COVID-19 testing resulted in identifying one positive staff member, we are continuing to conduct weekly surveillance testing of all staff and residents. Last week our surveillance testing results were all negative – which is great news. We will continue this weekly testing schedule through the week of October 12, and must have 100% negative test results before potentially transitioning to testing monthly. Of course, we will report any positive test results to you.

Please remember, you can find all of our previous family communications on our family page of our website, accessed on the bottom of the [McLeanInspiredLiving.org](https://McLeanInspiredLiving.org) home page.

As we mentioned in our September 30<sup>th</sup> communication, due to the results of contact tracing, our neighborhoods have been able to continue small group activities, including dining.

We are continuing to offer inside and outside visits at this time and are thrilled to report that our inside visits are going extremely well. We are delighted to be able to accommodate our families and know that our residents experience such joy in seeing their loved ones.

We'd like to extend a huge *Thank You* to all visitors for following the guidelines for visiting. A few reminders if you are planning to visit:

- Proper mask wearing is required during the entire visit (no eating or drinking is allowed at this time)
- Pets are not permitted inside or outside right now, per guidance from the CT Department of Epidemiology

Kathy Cookson is the contact to schedule your visit. Please email her at [Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org](mailto:Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org) if you would like to schedule an inside, outside, virtual or window visit.

Our Life Enrichment team is hard at work engaging our residents as the weather turns cooler. October is “Spirit Month” celebrating McLean Strong and McLean Fun! Beginning tomorrow with “our favorite sports teams” they have created a wonderful schedule of themed days where our staff and residents are encouraged to join in by wearing festive clothing. Upcoming themes include October 14: Wacky Wednesday, October 21: Day of Kindness; and October 28: Halloween Costumes.

Mark your calendars! Our next virtual Family Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 at 2pm. Invitation details will be sent the day before.

Thank you again for all of your support as we all remain “McLean Strong” in our fight against COVID-19.

Please find our mitigating strategies and cumulative data below.

Be well.



David Bordonaro  
President



Lisa Clark  
Vice President, Administrator of the Health Center

## **Mitigating Strategies**

Our staff remains vigilant in appropriate screening, PPE usage and hand hygiene. Our mitigating strategies continue to be in effect. You will find these listed below:

- Visitors are restricted in the building beyond the health screening table except for end-of-life care and for compassionate care visits with physician approval.
- Scheduled outside and inside family visits available by appointment in our designated locations. Window visits, Skype or FaceTime visits are offered by appointment.
- Small group activities, including dining, for all neighborhoods.
- A health screening process is in place at our entrance for all essential personnel entering the building.
- The Salon and Barber Shop schedule will be available soon.
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is available and worn by all staff while on campus.
- Enhanced cleaning process with approved products used and increased focus on touched surfaces.
- Masks are provided to all residents to wear when out of their room or if engaged with their care team (with the exception of face care, taking medications or eating).
- Regular audits are conducted by the CT Department of Public Health, National Guard and CDC to survey our infection control practices.
- Medical appointments via telemedicine are encouraged whenever possible.
- COVID-19 weekly testing of staff follows the Governor's executive orders and we are currently working with state assigned partners. We will isolate any resident with a positive test result and implement additional testing and cohorting strategies.

## **Cumulative Data as of 10/6/2020**

Positive cases are noted based on resident's home neighborhood.

Assisted Living – 9 positive residents to-date (7 recovered), with last positive case identified 5/6/20

- Robinson has had 1 positive (1 recovered)
- Atwater has had 1 positive (1 recovered)
- Abernethy has had 7 positives (5 recovered), 2 resident deaths (1 death at another facility)

Skilled Nursing Home – 24 positive residents to-date (20 recovered), with our last positive case identified 4/24/20

- Evergreen Way (post-acute) has had 6 positives (5 recovered), 1 death at another facility
- Chapel Crossing has had 1 positive (1 recovered)
- Skyview Terrace has had 17 positives (14 recovered), 3 resident deaths

Campus Employees – 27 positive employees (26 recovered) with last positive case reported 9/30/20