

Dear McLean Patients, Residents and Families,

June 30, 2020

While we work hard to stay COVID-19 free on our campus, news reports show that cases of COVID-19 are rising again in the United States. It is so vitally important that we remain vigilant in order to protect ourselves and our residents. We are keeping our current safety and PPE protocols in place for the safety of all.

We are continuing to safely re-open our campus; however, we are being thoughtful in our approach. We are looking closely at available data to confirm no rise in cases in CT, and will not proceed to the next phase of opening until we have enough test kits and a dedicated laboratory partner to help manage a quick response. Our assigned state partner from DPH is working to schedule on-going testing for nursing home residents and staff in early July. We are still receiving additional guidance on Assisted Living staff testing and look forward to having that plan in place as well.

The cumulative figures remain the same as last week, as do our mitigating strategies. You will find both listed below.

<u>As of 6/30/20 we continue to be COVID-19 FREE with 27 recovered.</u> Positive cases are noted based on resident's home neighborhood.

<u>Assisted Living</u> – last positive case identified 5/6/20 Robinson has had I positive (I recovered) Atwater has had I positive (I recovered) Abernethy has had 7 positives (5 recovered), 2 resident deaths (I death at another facility)

<u>Skilled Nursing Home</u> – last positive case identified 4/24/20 Evergreen Way (post-acute) has had 6 positives (5 recovered), I death at another facility Chapel Crossing has had I positive (I recovered) Skyview Terrace has had 17 positives (14 recovered), 3 resident deaths

Campus Employees 23 positive (22 recovered) last positive case 4/26/20

For your reference, below is a comprehensive list of the mitigating activities we continue to implement to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus, as well as any changes we've made to normal operations, in our health center:

- Visitors are restricted in the building except at end-of-life care.
- Outside family visits with four guests that are screened at our door and visit by the circle with masks, hand hygiene and socially distancing. Window visits, Skype or FaceTime visits continue to be offered by appointment. No food/drinks allowed during visits.
- Group activities are restricted, including dining, which is limited to residences or areas that allow for appropriate social distances.
- A health screening process is in place at our entrance for all essential personnel entering the building.
- 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.

Please consider contributing an item or two to our time capsule! We want to capture this unprecedented time for the future generation of the McLean community. Your participation is key to ensuring this story is remembered! Leave your item(s) in the box on the table outside our front door. We welcome your submissions by July 15. Contact Jean.miles@mcleancare.org with any questions. Remember, the time capsule will be opened in 2046 – to help celebrate McLean's 75th anniversary.

Thank you all for reaching out to <u>Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org</u> to schedule your FaceTime or in-person outside visit. We are doing our very best to schedule these happy visits and we thank you for your patience and consideration as we work to accommodate every request. As a reminder, please no eating or drinking during these visits as everyone needs to be wearing a mask or face covering. Amplifiers are available. If you would like one for your visit, please include the request in your email to Kathy Cookson.

The next Family Council meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, July 1st. Please be sure to email <u>Joan.stefanowicz@mcleancare.org</u> with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Be well. David and Lisa