

June 23, 2020



Dear McLean Patients, Residents and Families,

The experiences you and your loved ones at McLean have shared through the COVID-19 pandemic might seem unforgettable, but we won't always be here to tell our stories in person.

We are creating a time capsule to make sure we record this historical event for a future generation from our unique perspective at McLean.

There will certainly be policy manuals, reports, news articles and social media to tell part of the 2020 pandemic story; however, we really want YOUR memories, photos, personal accounts, artwork, symbolic items, and poems – really anything related to your loved one during this period of social distancing. No policy manual will ever capture all the acts of kindness that have been bestowed from inside and outside our walls, but a time capsule can – we're collecting things from residents and employees too. Working on it together gives a hopeful message that future better days WILL come.

The plan is to open the capsule in March 2046, the year of McLean's 75th anniversary! We're looking forward to your contributions. There will be a box on the table outside McLean's front door. We welcome your submissions by July 15. Contact Jean Miles at jean.miles@mcleancare.org with any questions.

Most especially, thank you for all you've done to help the residents and employees during these recent months.

As of 6/23/20 we continue to be COVID-19 FREE with 27 recovered.

Our cumulative data is below. Positive cases are noted based on resident home neighborhood.

Assisted Living – 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 – 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 23 positive (22 recovered) last positive case 4/26/20

We are working diligently through the testing process of health center staff and have received 153 test results back, all of which were negative. We received confirmation of assistance from the state on required, weekly testing and wait for further details on next steps.

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.
- 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 touch 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.

Reminder – the next Family Council meeting will be held on July 1st. A reminder invite will be sent next week. ALSO, please remember no eating or drinking during family visits. Any food you bring will need to be fully wrapped and left on the table outside the front entrance. All wrapped food, as well as packages or gifts, will be wiped down and saved for your loved one to enjoy later.

Be well.



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President



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