

July 21, 2020



Dear McLean Patients, Residents and Families,

Today we are sending out our regular weekly communication to keep you informed on the health and safety of our campus.

As a follow up to yesterday's communication, it is important to let you know that we will be continuing surveillance testing of nursing home staff and residents, as well as Hospice staff, every week until further notice. Our nursing team will be reaching out to individual families with specific details as they relate to their loved one.

Assisted Living and Home Care staff will also be tested weekly, as part of our routine surveillance. Additionally, all contractors who perform duties in our health center are part of our weekly testing routine. Assisted Living residents are tested based on exposure and/or symptoms.

Our staff continues to remain vigilant in appropriate screening, PPE usage and hand hygiene. Our mitigating strategies remain in effect. You will find these listed below.

- Visitors are restricted in the building except at end-of-life care.
- Scheduled outside family visits are allowed with four guests that are screened at our door and visit by the circle. Masks, hand hygiene and social distancing are required. Window visits, Skype or FaceTime visits continue to be offered by appointment. No food/drinks are allowed during visits.
- Dining 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.

- COVID-19 weekly testing of staff follows the Governor's executive orders. Currently working with state assigned partners. We will isolate any positive cases and implement additional testing and cohorting strategies.

Our cumulative data as of 7/21/20 is as follows:

Positive cases are noted based on resident's 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 25 positive (22 recovered) last positive case reported 7/19/20

We've heard from a few families concerned about noise and sun exposure at our current location for family visits in our front circle. We will continue to evaluate the best spots for family visits, keeping in mind construction traffic and landscape work. Today we are adding additional shade structures in the front circle location.

Please be advised as you schedule your in-person outside visit with

Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org that we do have landscapers on our campus, typically on Tuesdays. We will do our very best to minimize disruption during typical family visit hours; however, this may not always be possible. Also, please note that we do not have bathrooms available for visitors. Kathy Cookson has a list of friendly community facilities she would be happy to share with you when you schedule your visit.

We hope to see you at the next Family Council joint meeting in August. Look for the invitation in your inbox early next month. Please be sure to email your questions to

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Be well.



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