

September 15, 2020



Dear McLean Patients, Residents and Families,

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

As we look outside of our campus, at Simsbury and our surrounding towns, we are seeing schools welcome students back either in-person under precautionary measures or online, national and local sports are moving forward or being cancelled based on their determined level of exposure risk by CT DPH, and state gathering and travel guidelines are being continuously reviewed and updated. This is a volatile time, and as such we are very conscientious of what's happening in our community at large as we navigate the most recent COVID-19 exposure in our Health Center, and our process for phasing in our re-opening.

We are continuing our weekly surveillance testing strategy of staff, as well as all skilled nursing and assisted living residents. As of today, we have had one full week of negative tests. Before we move forward with lifting any restrictions on our current quarantining protocols, per CT DPH, we must have two consecutive weeks of all negative test results. We will keep you updated on any positive results.

In advance of any re-opening measures, we are taking a close look at the safest way to engage residents and create a routine of normalcy under this heightened alert. We are also taking a proactive approach to develop processes for on-going visitation guidelines, taking into account the approaching winter season.

For now, Life Enrichment continues to schedule virtual or window visits. If interested in scheduling a visit please contact Kathy Cookson at Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org or 860-658-3725.

The health and safety of our community is our top priority and we appreciate your ongoing cooperation and support as we maintain the highest level of care and comfort for your loved ones during this very difficult time. We know that when we look back at this rocky road we're traveling, we will be confident in knowing that we've done everything we could to protect our residents and keep them safe. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Our next regularly scheduled virtual Family Council meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday, September 16 at 2pm. Invitation details are:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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Conference ID: 293 990 335#

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 at end-of-life care.
- Scheduled outside family visits and compassionate care visits have been suspended for a minimum of 14 days for skilled nursing and assisted living residents. Window visits, Skype or FaceTime visits continue to be offered by appointment.
- Small group activities, including dining, for all neighborhoods have been suspended.
- A health screening process is in place at our entrance for all essential personnel entering the building.
- The Salon and Barber Shop continue to be closed.
- 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 9/15/2020

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 – 26 positive employees (25 recovered) with last positive case reported 9/8/20