

September 22, 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.

We are pleased to report that our surveillance testing has shown 14 consecutive days of negative COVID-19 test results of both staff and residents and we have lifted the quarantine restrictions consistent with a potential exposure. We have resumed outdoor visits and small group activities, including dining and time in our courtyard, and we are taking full advantage of our gorgeous, early fall weather.

As the weather turns cooler, our designated subcommittee is taking a close look at federal guidelines for introducing indoor visits and welcoming visitors into our Health Center. We have put a tentative plan together and are waiting on additional guidance from the CT DPH to ensure that we are following all state protocols. We will communicate any updates to our visitation policy through this weekly update.

Today, we are continuing our weekly surveillance testing strategy of staff, as well as all skilled nursing and assisted living residents while keeping close watch on community infection rates. We will keep you updated on any positive results or changes in our testing strategy related to community activity.

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

Reminder: All items including gifts, cards and resident packages left on the table under our awning will be cleaned and wiped down before entering our building. Please make sure all items are securely wrapped and labeled. Also, all resident laundry that is brought to the table will be laundered before being brought to the resident's room.

Our next virtual Family Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 at 2pm. Invitation details will be shared in a future update.

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 resumed after 14 consecutive days of negative test results for skilled nursing and assisted living residents. Window visits, Skype or FaceTime visits are offered by appointment.
- Small group activities, including dining, for all neighborhoods have resumed.
- 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 9/22/2020

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