

September 8, 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.

Yesterday, an assisted living employee reported signs of COVID-19 and has subsequently tested positive today. As of yesterday, we implemented precautionary measures and took the most conservative approach to protect the health of our campus. We have placed all of our assisted living and skilled nursing neighborhoods in quarantine. This means that all group activities, including small group dining, have been suspended. We have also restricted residents from going into the courtyard and cancelled all outside visits. These measures will be in effect for a minimum of 14 days from this past Friday, the last day the employee was in our Health Center. Those residents who were potentially exposed have been individually notified by our staff.

We will continue with our weekly surveillance testing strategy of all assisted living and skilled nursing staff, as well as skilled nursing residents, and we will begin weekly testing for assisted living residents per Department of Public Health guidance. We will report any positive results to you.

Life Enrichment will follow up with anyone who had a previously scheduled outside visit to schedule a virtual or window visit. If interested in scheduling a visit, please contact Kathy Cookson at 860-658-3725 or Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org.

This exercise in caution is a reminder that we must remain vigilant in our health and safety protocols. Please refer to this link <https://mcleancare.org/family-login/> for a video which illustrates how easy it is to spread this invisible virus. As always, we remain “McLean Strong.”

To answer any questions you may have, we will be holding a Family Council meeting this Thursday, September 10 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please use this information to join us.

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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Thank you for your patience and support as we work diligently to protect our precious population. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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.
- All group activities, including small group 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 9/8/2020

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