

January 26, 2021

Dear Residents, Patients and Families,

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

Our patients and residents who have tested positive for the COVID-19 continue to recover. Currently we are caring for two COVID-19 positive patients on Evergreen Way. Despite the hopeful news from our health center, it is with heavy hearts that we report one of our skilled nursing residents diagnosed with the virus, passed away last week. During this time, when the news is reporting over 400,000 deaths in the United States, we extend our sympathies to all families who have suffered a loss due to this pandemic.

We are now very focused on getting our community vaccinated. We know this vaccine is our best defense and we are moving forward with clinics to deliver second doses this week and next, which is all hopeful news in this war against COVID-19.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on our efforts to work with CVS, our vaccine partner, to effectively and safely distribute the vaccine to our residents and staff, please contact Vickie Dirienzo at 860-658-3702 or vickie.dirienzo@mcleancare.org.

While we progress protecting our community with the vaccine, our precautionary measures continue to include restricting onsite visits. Compassionate care and end of life visits are still being held and can be scheduled through your loved one's care team. Virtual or Zoom visits can be scheduled by contacting Kathy Cookson, kathy.cookson@mcleancare.org or (860) 658-3725.

With the positivity rate in Hartford County still over 13%, we are continuing our current enhanced mitigating strategies, found below. These also include mandatory skilled nursing staff testing twice a week. Additional protective actions will remain in effect until we have two full weeks of all negative test results.

Keep the kindness coming! We've received so many wonderful Valentine's Day greeting cards to share with our residents. If you're interested in participating, please address your cards to "McLean Resident" so we can share the joy with some of our residents who may not receive much mail. Thank you!

Be well,

David Bordonaro

President Vice President, Administrator of the Health Center

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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:

- Outside and inside visits have been suspended. End of life and compassionate care visits are being scheduled with physician approval.
- Small group activities, including dining, have been suspended for all neighborhoods.
- A health screening process is in place at our entrance for all essential personnel entering the building and for those who have scheduled visits.
- The Beauty Salon / Barber Shop is temporarily closed.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available and worn by all staff while on campus.
- Enhanced cleaning process with approved products used and an increased focus on touched surfaces remains top priority.
- 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. Internal campaigns and audits have been implemented to reinforce consistent and effective preventative measures.
- Medical appointments via telemedicine are encouraged whenever possible.
- COVID-19 testing of staff follows the Governor's executive orders and we are currently working with state assigned partners. Skilled nursing staff will test two times each week per CMS recommendations. We have isolated any resident with a positive test result and implemented additional testing and cohorting strategies.

Cumulative data below is from March 2020 to January 26, 2021. Positive cases are noted based on a resident's home neighborhood.

	Positive	Last positive case reported on:	Recovered	Deaths
Assisted Living				
Robinson	I		I	
Atwater	I		I	
Abernethy	16	1/13/21	9	2 (I at other facility)
Total for Assisted Living	18	1/1321	II	
Skilled Nursing				
Evergreen Way (post-acute)	13	1/6/21	II	I (other facility)
Chapel Crossing	2	1/14/21	I	
Skyview Terrace	21	1/4/21	16	5
Total for Skilled Nursing	36	1/4/21	28	
Employees	42	1/20/21	38	