

December 1, 2020



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.

We have received two full weeks of 100% negative test results from all Health Center staff and resident surveillance testing since we had our last positive resident test result on November 14. As a result, small group activities, including dining, have resumed and our Barber Shop/Salon will reopen later this week. Indoor visits with family and friends have also resumed in our Pfirman dining room. If you would like to schedule an in person or virtual visit with your loved one, please contact Kathy at [Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org](mailto:Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org) or (860) 658-3725.

*Thank You* in advance to all Health Center visitors for following the guidelines for visiting:

- Proper mask wearing is required during the entire visit (no eating or drinking is allowed at this time)
- Pets are not permitted inside or outside right now, per guidance from the CT Department of Epidemiology

We do want to share that we have a resident of The Village who has a positive COVID-19 test result. We have completed contact tracing and anyone who has had any potential exposure has already been contacted. All activities and dining in The Burkholder remain the same at this time.

We have noted that cases are on the rise in our local community and it is critical to take precautions to minimize any risk of exposure. This includes washing hands at least 20 seconds prior to and after touching masks and wearing face masks when in public or within 6 feet of a person you do not live with. It is all of our jobs to keep our community healthy and safe as infection rates increase in our local communities.

It's not too late! Send us your video to be included in our compilation of warm holiday wishes to our Health Center residents. Stephen Root has already received many wonderful videos from families and friends and is pulling them together, along with photos and festive music, to give to our residents as a special holiday surprise. Don't be left out! Please text your 2-3 minute video to Stephen Root at 860-480-8633 by December 4.

As always, please reach out to us if you have any questions. 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:

- Outside and inside family visits have resumed. End of life and compassionate care visits are also being scheduled with physician approval.
- Small group activities, including dining, have resumed 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 Salon and Barber Shop will reopen later this week.
- Personal Protective 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 12/1/2020

Positive cases are noted based on resident's home neighborhood.

Assisted Living – 10 positive residents to-date (8 recovered), with last positive case identified 11/14/20

- Robinson has had 1 positive (1 recovered)
- Atwater has had 1 positive (1 recovered)
- Abernethy has had 8 positives (6 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 – 30 positive employees (30 recovered) with last positive case reported 11/11/20