

October 27, 2020



Dear Residents, Patients and Families,

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

On Sunday, October 18, we notified you of an asymptomatic employee who received a positive test result for COVID-19 during our weekly surveillance testing. We are conducting staff and resident testing for the 14-day surveillance with no additional COVID-19 to date. This employee has since recovered, as noted in the cumulative data attached. Due to the results of this contact tracing, our neighborhoods have been able to continue small group activities, including dining.

We will continue with our weekly testing schedule of staff, as the Governor is currently recommending, due to an increase of cases in the community at large. Residents are being tested as needed/if they present symptoms. We are pleased to report that these test results have all been negative since our last update and of course, we will continue to report any positive test results to you.

Please remember, you can find all of our previous family communications on our family page of our website, accessed on the bottom of the [McLeanInspiredLiving.org](https://McLeanInspiredLiving.org) home page.

We are continuing to offer inside and outside visits at this time and are thrilled to report that our inside visits are going extremely well.

We appreciate your patience as you have come to visit, as we all become accustomed to using our new Well Screen technology! This tool helps us to safely screen all staff and visitors who enter our building and must be used before all indoor and outdoor visits. We have printed directions right next to the Well Screen system, should you need any assistance with it. Please remember to bring your driver's license each time you visit and to use the touchless key available as you answer each of the questions on the screen.

*Thank You* to all visitors for continuing to adapt and follow the guidelines for visiting. A few reminders of the existing protocols, if you are planning to visit.

- Proper mask wearing is required when entering the building and 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
- As we comply with the State’s travel advisories, our family/friend visits are being impacted by these protocols. We know how vitally important visits are to our residents, and we are carefully following the state guidelines for the safety of all. If you are traveling from a state that is on the identified “Hot Spot” list, you will NOT be able to visit unless you do one of two things. You must either:
  - o Have a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of entering the State, OR
  - o Quarantine upon arrival in CT for 14 days

For your reference, the following website explains this process:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>

Please continue to contact Kathy Cookson if you’d like to schedule an inside, outside, virtual or window visit. She can be reached through email, at [Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org](mailto:Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org).

Our Life Enrichment team is hard at work engaging our residents as the weather turns cooler and the days become shorter. Our “Spirit Month” has almost ended and residents and staff have enjoyed taking part by wearing the appropriate festive clothing to celebrate McLean Strong and McLean Fun! Our last theme day this month is October 28: Halloween Costumes. This day is always the most fun of all and really showcases the creativity on our campus!

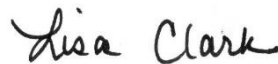
Again, we thank you for all of your support as we remain “McLean Strong” in our fight against COVID-19.

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 for end-of-life care and for compassionate care visits with physician approval.
- Scheduled outside and inside family visits are available by appointment in our designated locations. Window visits, Skype or FaceTime visits are offered by appointment.
- Small group activities, including dining, 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 schedule will be available by appointment; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am-3pm.
- 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 10/27/2020

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 – 28 positive employees (28 recovered) with last positive case reported 10/18/20