

Dear Residents, Patients and Families,

As cases across our nation are on the rise, we hope you and your families are safe as we send our weekly update on the health and safety of our campus.

We have identified two COVID-19 positive cases on our Skyview Terrace neighborhood; they are currently being cared for in a designated area on Evergreen Way. We also have one employee who has tested positive and is quarantining at home. Contact tracing has been completed and anyone who has had any potential exposure has already been notified.

As a result, we have reinstated the following additional mitigating strategies across our Health Center: no small group activities, including dining, on the neighborhoods; additional PPE use for staff on Evergreen Way; Barber Shop/Beauty Salon is temporarily closed. All indoor/outdoor visits have been suspended; however, virtual or Zoom visits may be scheduled through Kathy Cookson, Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org or (860) 658-3725. Use of the courtyard continues based on scheduled times for each neighborhood.

We are continuing surveillance testing of all residents and staff and will report any positive test results to you.

As we navigate the realities of rising COVID-19 cases in the community, our focus remains on keeping our community healthy and safe. However, we recognize that the holiday season is upon us as families and friends are already dropping off gifts and packages for their loved ones at our front door. While we love spreading cheer by delivering these gifts, it is with an abundance of caution that we will continue to sanitize every package that arrives at our door.

Here is a list of our precautionary measures being taken for items left on the table under our front awning:

- Fresh food must be clearly marked as food and in a container that can be wiped down. Please include the resident's name so it can be delivered immediately.
- All other items, cardboard boxes and bags will be held for three days before delivering them to the resident.
- If the items are clothes that the resident/patient needs urgently, please make a note on the bag. All other clothes and linens will be held for 24 hours before being laundered and delivered.

Cases are on the rise in our local community and it is everyone's job to keep our community healthy and safe. We thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to fight the virus and protect our campus. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

You will find our mitigating strategies and cumulative data below.

Lisa Clark

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 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 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 have isolated any resident with a positive test result and implemented additional testing and cohorting strategies.

Cumulative Data as of 12/8/2020

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 I positive (I recovered)
- Atwater has had I positive (I recovered)
- Abernethy has had 8 positives (6 recovered), 2 resident deaths (I death at another facility)

<u>Skilled Nursing Home</u> -26 positive residents to-date (20 recovered), with our last positive case identified 12/7/20

- Evergreen Way (post-acute) has had 6 positives (5 recovered), I death at another facility
- Chapel Crossing has had I positive (I recovered)
- Skyview Terrace has had 19 positives (14 recovered), 3 resident deaths

Campus Employees – 31 positive employees (30 recovered) with last positive case reported 12/7/20