

October 13, 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.

Since our communication to you on September 30, letting you know that our surveillance COVID-19 testing resulted in identifying one positive staff member, we are continuing to conduct weekly surveillance testing of all staff and residents. To date, our surveillance testing results have all been negative – which is great news. We will continue the weekly testing schedule through this week and must have 100% negative test results before potentially transitioning to testing monthly. Of course, we will 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 home page.

As we mentioned in the September 30th communication, due to the results of contact tracing, our neighborhoods have been able to continue small group activities, including dining.

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 are delighted to be able to accommodate our families and know that our residents experience such joy in seeing you.

We have spent the past week trialing our new Well Screen technology, and thank you for your patience as you have come to visit! This tool helps us to safely screen all staff and visitors who enter our building. We have printed directions right next to the Well Screen system, should you need any assistance with it. Please note that you will now need to bring your driver's license each time you visit, and that children must also be screened. Rest assured, practice will make this process perfect!

We'd like to extend a huge *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

Kathy Cookson is the contact to schedule your visit. Please email her at Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org if you would like to schedule an inside, outside, virtual or window visit.

Our Life Enrichment team is hard at work engaging our residents as the weather turns cooler. Residents were able to enjoy our beautiful fall foliage last week as they boarded the McLean bus, socially distanced and wearing masks, of course. We will continue to offer these rides weekly and look forward to residents experiencing a much-needed change of scenery! October is also “Spirit Month,” celebrating McLean Strong and McLean Fun! They have created a wonderful schedule of themed days where our staff and residents are encouraged to join in by wearing festive clothing. Upcoming themes include October 14: Wacky Wednesday, October 21: Day of Kindness; and October 28: Halloween Costumes.

We are delighted to announce that our Hair Salon will be opening on Tuesday, October 20th! The hours will be 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have a new stylist, Holly Charmut, who will be joining us. Holly has experience working in a senior community and we are so happy to welcome her to our team. Safety protocols dictate that only two residents can be in the salon at one time and that masks must be worn. We ask for your patience as we work hard to get everyone scheduled and back into a routine. All residents must have a completed Resident Salon Services form on file.

Mark your calendars! Our next virtual Family Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 at 2:00 pm. Next week’s newsletter will include the link.

Thank you again for all of your support as we all 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.
- The Salon and Barber Shop schedule will be available by appointment, beginning October 20, 2020; 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 10/13/2020

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 – 27 positive employees (27 recovered) with last positive case reported 9/30/20