

November 17, 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.

On Sunday we let you know of a resident who tested positive for COVID-19 as a result of our surveillance testing. Due to this infection, and consistent with our cohorting strategy to eliminate any possible spread of the virus, we have opened a section of our post-acute neighborhood to care for this resident.

In addition, we have implemented increased precautionary measures including requiring face shields for staff not caring for residents. We have already completed preliminary antigen, or rapid results testing, for all impacted assisted living residents and all those results have come back negative. We are following up with the recommended PCR tests for assisted living residents as well as administering to skilled nursing residents. Staff testing will be complete this week and we expect all results by this weekend. We will keep you posted of any positive test results.

Per protocol, we will be continuing surveillance testing of all assisted living and skilled nursing residents and staff, as well as enforce our mitigating strategies until we have two full weeks of 100% negative COVID-19 test results.

Precautionary measures, appropriate for an outbreak scenario, that will continue are suspending outside and inside visits, as well as small group activities and small group dining. We have also temporarily closed our Hairdresser and Barber Shop.

Last week, we developed a plan to open our courtyard to our residents, by neighborhood, according to a schedule that will prevent comingling. This plan remains in place.

COVID-19 cases are on the rise across the country and in our surrounding communities. We take the care and safety of our community very seriously and we are committed to taking care of ourselves even when we are not at work. We know how important our own actions are to staying healthy. We thank you for your support as we work to protect our patients, residents and staff by following all guidelines put forth by our local and national health agencies on and off our campus. We will

continue to adhere to all recommendations until COVID-19 is no longer a threat to our community. As always, we remain “McLean Strong.”

Our Life Enrichment and Dining teams are busy making preparations for the upcoming holiday season, but we know this year will look different for many of us, especially in our Health Center. You can help spread some cheer this year! Please remember to record a holiday message to your loved one on your phone and send it in. Stephen Root is ready to receive your video as he begins to compile videos of holiday well wishes from families and friends. Please text your video to Stephen Root at 860-480-8633 by December 4. We can't wait to share this wonderful surprise with our residents!

If you would like to schedule a virtual visit, please reach out to **Ann Pavano** at Ann.Pavano@McLeancare.org or at 860-658-3941. Kathy Cookson, who typically schedules these visits, will be back from a well-deserved vacation on November 23.

The next Family Council meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday November 18 at 2:00 p.m. Please join us.

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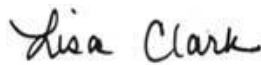
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Please find our mitigating strategies and cumulative data below.

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 are suspended at this time. End of life and compassionate care visits may occur with physician approval.
- Small group activities, including dining, are temporarily 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 Salon and Barber Shop are 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 will isolate any resident with a positive test result and implement additional testing and cohorting strategies.

Cumulative Data as of 11/17/2020

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

Assisted Living – 10 positive residents to-date (7 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 (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 – 30 positive employees (28 recovered) with last positive case reported 11/8/20