

November 3, 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.

We are happy to report that as of today, we have reached 14 days of all negative test results from our weekly surveillance testing. Our mitigating strategies paired with our daily commitment of hand hygiene and appropriate PPE use are helping us keep COVID-19 off our campus, even as we see the positivity rate in our community and surrounding towns rise. We are proud of our efforts and our staff's continued determination to protect our precious population.

We will continue with our weekly testing schedule of all health center staff, which the Governor is currently recommending due to an increase of cases in the community at large. Based on the State's recommendation, residents are being tested as needed, as symptoms present. We will continue to report any positive test results to you.

As we enter into November, the month of Thanksgiving, we are taking time to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for. All of you – our residents, patients and families – are at the very top of our list. You are the reason we work so hard every day. We are so grateful that you've put your trust in us and for all of your support as we remain "McLean Strong" in our fight against COVID-19.

Please remember, you can find all of our previous family communications on the family page of our website, accessed on the bottom of the [McLeanInspiredLiving.org](https://www.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 are delighted to be able to accommodate our families and know that our residents experience such joy in seeing their loved ones.

We'd like to extend a huge *Thank You* to all visitors for following the guidelines for visiting.

A few reminders if you are planning to visit:

- 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


Kathy Cookson is the contact to schedule your visit. Please email her at [Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org](mailto:Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org) if you would like to schedule an inside, outside, virtual or window visit. **During the timeframe of 11/4/2020 thru 11/22/2020, Ann Pavano will be handling the scheduling of these visits, to allow Kathy to take a well-deserved vacation. Ann can be reached at [Ann.Pavano@McLeancare.org](mailto:Ann.Pavano@McLeancare.org) or at 860-658-3941.**

Please find our mitigating strategies and cumulative data below.

Be well.



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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 11/3/2020

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