

September 16, 2022

Dear McLean Community,

We are writing to keep you informed on our current COVID-19 status. Over this week, we had one new COVID-19 positive employee. Contact tracing has been completed and there was no exposure to the health center.

Please see our updated cumulative data below. We have also included our mitigating strategies which have not changed.

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Cumulative data below is from March 2020 to September 16, 2022 Positive cases are noted based on a resident's home neighborhood

	Positive	Last positive case reported on:	Recovered	Deaths
Total for Assisted Living	21	6/3/22	19	2
Total for Skilled Nursing	52	8/16/22	45	7
Total for Employees	176	9/11/22	175	

## 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.

- ◆ A health screening process is in place at our entrance for all essential personnel entering the building and for those who are visiting residents.
- ♦ Visitors must wear tight-fitting masks into our building and be screened at the front entrance of our health center. Please bring your driver's license or photo ID. Also, please do not visit if you are not feeling well and be sure to abide by all travel guidelines, found here: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/travel">https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/travel</a>.
- ♦ Everyone will wear a KN95 mask at all times while inside our building (in all inside visitation locations including the resident's room). They are located at the Well Screen machine when you walk in.
- ♦ This also means that food and drink will <u>not</u> be allowed during visits.
- ♦ If someone visiting, or the resident, is not up-to-date with their vaccinations, social distancing must be maintained during the visit and from all other residents, staff, and visitors.
- ♦ If you, or anyone that visits McLean, should discover you are COVID-19 positive within 14 days of visiting us, please call the nursing supervisor right away so we can take the appropriate actions immediately to assess the potential exposure and implement the necessary isolation protocols to stop potential spread.
- ♦ Visitors must follow the core principles of infection prevention during any visit.
  - visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not enter the facility
  - hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
  - a KN95 mask, covering your mouth and nose, will be worn inside our building at all times
  - social distancing, at least six feet between people, in accordance with CDC guidance

- ♦ The Abernethy and Pfirman Dining Rooms are both open.
- ◆ The Beauty Salon / Barber Shop is open, by appointment, for residents/patients not under isolation protocols.
- ♦ Not up-to-date residents who have had a direct COVID-19 exposure or a resident who tests positive for COVID-19, will have compassionate care visits for 14 days.
- ◆ The appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is available and worn by all staff while on campus.
- ♦ Enhanced cleaning process with approved products used and an increased focus on touched surfaces remains top priority.
- ♦ Masks are provided to all residents to wear when out of their room, when they have visitors in their room, and if engaged with their care team (with the exception of face care, taking medications or eating).
- ♦ Internal audits for infection control practices are occurring to reinforce consistent and effective preventative measures.
- ♦ Medical appointments via telemedicine will be arranged for residents/patients on isolation precautions when possible.
- ♦ COVID-19 testing of staff follows the current Connecticut Department of Public Health requirements. We will follow isolating protocols should any resident receive a positive test result and will implement additional testing and cohorting strategies.