



Date: 7/14/2022
To: All Residents, Associates and Family Members
From: Jill Easterling, Executive Director
Re: COVID-19 Campus Update

Good afternoon:

During this last week, we have had 2 positive COVID-19 cases. One case was in independent living and one was among our associates. The resident had been vaccinated for COVID-19. All residents and associates who have been identified as having exposure to these individuals were tested and their results were negative. We will continue to retest where positive cases are discovered and, of course, we continue to test any resident or associate who shows signs/symptoms of the virus.

Please note that anyone visiting our campus must still comply with the current safety protocols. All visitors must self-screen at our COVID check-in desk, wear medical masks and a face shield or goggles in The Health Center. Visitors to a resident who is isolated are asked to wear protective equipment that you will find outside the resident's apartment.

NOTE – Due to the COVID positivity rate in Franklin County climbing, all visitors are required to wear goggles or shields at all times when in The Health Center. Additional guidelines are listed below in the letter. Please note, if anyone refuses to comply with the safety protocol, HE/SHE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

Any visitor that has a fever or experiencing signs/symptoms of illness cannot visit. All visits need to be conducted in the resident room (unless there is a roommate) or outside. You may visit in a common area of the campus as long as no other residents are around. During the visit, masks can only be removed IF visiting in a confined area (not around other residents and in an area where a door can be closed). This can take place regardless of vaccination status of resident and visitors. We recommend keeping masks on at this time.

If masks and face shields or goggles are removed and you are in a confined area such as the resident room with the door shut, masks and face shields or goggles must be re-applied if someone comes in the room. Masks and face shields or goggles must also be re-applied when walking through common areas. *Please note that this virus can be spread through carriers even though the carrier may not show signs/symptoms of the virus.*

We will continue to test residents and associates in accordance with the testing guidelines implemented by the Ohio Department of Health and CMS. Please be assured that we are closely monitoring this situation and the following action items continue to be in place:

- Cleaning and disinfecting all common spaces and high touch areas
- Limiting dining and group gatherings.
- Maintaining proper hand hygiene and social distancing
- Screening all residents, associates, and essential visitors/vendors
- COVID-19 testing of residents if they experience signs or symptoms of the virus or if they have been potentially exposed to the virus.
- COVID-19 testing of associates who are not up to date on their vaccine or have not been vaccinated twice each week (every 3-7 days). COVID-19 testing of all associates if they experience signs or symptoms of the virus or if they have been potentially exposed to the virus.

While it is hoped our continued actions hinder the virus, we continue to assess, plan and proactively make changes as necessary. Wesley Glen continues to promote the importance of protecting seniors and other vulnerable populations. We are constantly educating residents and associates to follow CDC guidelines of practicing proper hand hygiene and social distancing to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued support in following the guidelines established at Wesley Glen to keep our residents, associates, and visitors safe.

Sincerely,

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