



WEEKLY UPDATE AND NOTIFICATION OF NEW CASE

November 19th, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as Northampton Manor's weekly update to keep you informed about the status of COVID in our facility and what we are doing to keep our residents and staff safe during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Since our last update, we have received confirmation that 1 resident whom was tested at our facility on 11/16 was positive for COVID-19. The resident has been asymptomatic and has been transferred to another facility for continuing care. We completed facility-wide testing of residents on 11/11/20 and identified 0 new cases of COVID-19.

This week, on 11/16 and 11/17, we tested 151 staff members for COVID-19. As of today, 94 have been negative and 55 results are still pending at this time. We also tested 99 residents this week. 4 results have been negative, 1 resident was positive as above, and the remaining 94 are still pending.

As you may be aware, COVID-19 cases are rising at an alarming rate across the country and in our own community. Governor Larry Hogan announced additional preventative measures that nursing homes should implement, including that nursing homes shall test all staff members twice per week, and all residents weekly. We will begin bi-weekly testing of staff effective next week per MDH guidance, and will continue to test our residents on a weekly basis. Per the updated Maryland Department of Health Orders, we are currently unable to accept indoor visitations at this time, except those for compassionate care situations.

As of today, November 19th, our cumulative totals for positive COVID-19 cases are 77 residents and 32 staff members having tested positive for COVID-19.

We also continue to implement and practice enhanced safety precautions recommended by our federal, state and local health officials, such as, only allowing essential personnel inside the facility, performing regular screenings for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering the building, continually monitoring residents, performing regular deep cleanings, using PPE as recommended by the CDC, providing individual activities as opposed to group activities, implementing isolation protocols as required, and reminding and encouraging staff to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for updates. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 301-662-8700.

Sincerely,

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