



## WEEKLY UPDATE

**December 16th, 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 continue twice weekly testing of staff and have identified 4 additional staff members that have tested positive for COVID-19. The staff members are currently self-isolating at home.

We also tested 88 residents on 12/7 and all results were negative for COVID-19.

This week, on 12/14&12/15, we tested 132 staff members for COVID-19. At this time, 96 results have been received and are negative, 1 result was positive, and the remaining are pending at this time. On 12/14 we also tested 88 residents, and all results have been received and are negative.

We are continuing twice weekly testing of staff per MDH guidance, and will continue to test our residents on a weekly basis as well. 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, December 16th, our cumulative totals for positive COVID-19 cases are 81 residents and 38 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,

*Mark Heim*

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Administrator