



## WEEKLY UPDATE

**December 23, 2021**

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 had 5 residents and 2 staff members test positive for COVID-19 using a rapid test. PCR test results are pending at this time. This has resulted in our status changing to Outbreak with the Frederick County Health Department. Because of this we are in the process of testing all residents and staff. Only 3 of the 5 Covid positive residents are having symptoms and none of the staff who tested positive are symptomatic.

We continue to have the doors to the main entrance open between 9 am and 4:30 pm every day. All visitors are screened when they come in. If you would like to leave after 4:30pm, please have a staff member assist you to exit the building. If entering the back door, you must still be screened.

Per CMS and CDC recommendations all new admissions are tested and only those new admissions that are unvaccinated are assigned to a room on the observation unit for 14 days. This we have tested 3 residents who were new or re-admissions. Those tests were negative.

As of this time 96% of our staff and 91% of our residents are fully vaccinated with 56 residents and 52 staff receiving the booster.

We also continue to implement and practice enhanced safety precautions recommended by our federal, state and local health officials, 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, implementing isolation protocols as required and reminding and encouraging staff to practice social distancing, 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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