



WEEKLY UPDATE

March 9, 2022

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 0 residents (total of 14) and 0 staff members (total of 34 including 5 ancillary providers) test positive for COVID-19 using a rapid test. That means we have been Covid free for 20 days! The Frederick County Health Department re-opened the outbreak on 2/17/22 when we had 1 staff member test positive. We passed the 14 day mark with no new positive staff or residents and the outbreak was closed on 3/4/22. We will continue to test all staff two times per week as recommended based on the transmission rate which remains high.

The main entrance is open between 9 am and 4:30 pm every day. All visitors are screened when they come in and are asked to wear a face covering and social distance. Due to the governor's new mandate and the MDH guidance, we are asking all visitors to provide a negative Covid test that was completed within 72 hours. We are also testing at the front desk area. We ask that you wait until the test results are completed before visiting. 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 upon admission and any symptomatic staff/residents are tested when symptoms start. We have had 1 staff and 6 resident with symptoms in the past week with POC/PCR tests being negative.

As of this time 95% of our staff and 86% of our residents are fully vaccinated with 59 residents and 60 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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Administrator