



## WEEKLY UPDATE

July 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 received our weekly testing results from 7/20&7/21, have identified 1 new staff case of COVID-19. The staff member who tested positive has been asymptomatic and is recovering at home per CDC guidelines.

We continue each week with facility wide testing of residents and staff per the Maryland Department of Health direction and guidance. This week, on July 27<sup>th</sup> & July 28<sup>th</sup>, we tested 97 residents and 151 staff. Results are pending at this time.

As of today, July 30<sup>th</sup>, our cumulative totals for positive COVID-19 cases are 76 residents and 31 staff members having tested positive for COVID-19.

We are committed to seeing the number of positive cases in our facility go down and we will 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.

As we see an increase in COVID-19 in our community, we have also been closely monitoring staff travel in line with CDC and Maryland Department of Health guidelines in order to identify any staff member that may need increased monitoring, testing, or to be excluded from work based upon their risk factors for exposure.

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