

September 4, 2020

Dear Friends and Family Members of Villa St. Francis,

At the beginning of this week, you received the notice of the guidelines all Long-Term Care Centers were to follow if there was an outbreak of COVID 19 in the building. An outbreak being defined as a new COVID-19 infection in any healthcare personnel, HCP or any nursing home-onset COVID-19 infection in a resident.

We did begin to test staff immediately. This morning we received a positive result on one of our staff. Since rapid identification and isolation of new cases is critical in stopping further viral transmission, we are now following the guidelines as they are expressed in the guidelines:

“Upon identification of a single new case of COVID-19 infection in any staff or resident, all staff and residents should be tested, and all staff and residents that tested negative should be retested every 3 days to 7 days until testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 infection among staff or residents for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive result.”

What does this mean for your loved one? No resident has tested positive. Every resident will be tested for COVID 19 according to the above guidelines. Testing began today for residents. If your loved one has a positive result, a nurse will contact you immediately. If they test negative one of the social workers or I will call and let you know. Families of residents in Memory Care (Halls 100 and 200) are being called and offered the option of testing or not for their loved ones. This option is only given to residents in Memory Care because of the distress and confusion it often causes for persons with memory issues.

We are all hoping and praying that this will be a minimal outbreak and we are taking every precaution to mitigate the spread in our facility. Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns.

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