



Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Dear Residents,

We are in the process of completing our weekly COVID-19 testing of all staff and residents of Penrose Harbor and Heron's Key staff members who have frequent contact with Independent Living residents. The good news to share with you today is that Assisted Living and Memory Care remain COVID-free and all but one of our Skilled Nursing residents who contracted COVID-19 are now considered recovered. In addition, all but one of our staff members who have been recovering at home have returned to work. We will continue our testing for evening and night shift staff and if there is anything new to report I'll send out an update tomorrow.

The unfortunate news I have to share is that two staff members in Skilled Nursing have tested positive by antigen test today; we'll be sending in a sample for PCR confirmation. They do not have any symptoms but were immediately sent home to quarantine. If the PCR results come back positive, that will re-start our 28 day clock for resolution of our outbreak.

It's important for all of us, residents and staff, to recognize we are nowhere near out of the woods on this. Today's positive test results are a stark reminder of how vulnerable we are to COVID-19 showing up anywhere on our campus. The transmission rates remain well above 500 per 100,000 people and have stayed that high over the past 11 days. They show no sign of dropping as we enter the days surrounding Christmas. Every encounter we have outside of our household comes with some level of risk.

We hope the vaccine is in our near future. Until then, let's do all we can to keep each other safe.

Our current numbers as of today are:

- **Residents currently residing within Independent Living**
total: 0 (no change) | with symptoms: 0 | without symptoms at this time: 0
| recovered and removed from list: 2 (no change)
- **Residents currently residing within Penrose Harbor Skilled Nursing**
total: 1 (down 7 from last report) | with symptoms: 1 | without symptoms at this time: 0
| recovered and removed from list: 15 (up 7 from last report)

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- **Penrose Harbor staff recovering at home**
total: 3 (no net change) | with symptoms: 1 | without symptoms at this time: 2
| recovered and removed from list: 13 (up 2 from last report)
- **Total transfers of COVID-19 positive residents**
 - Penrose Harbor transfer to hospital*: 0 (no change)
 - Residents originally residing in Independent Living admitted to Skilled Nursing: 1 (no change)

* not counted in totals above

Stay well,



Amy Webb, Executive Director