



Monday, November 30, 2020

Dear Residents,

I am sorry to have to share that we have had an additional staff member in Penrose Harbor Skilled Nursing test positive yesterday. This team member was working in the COVID unit and has mild symptoms. They are quarantining at home. Our outbreak status as of today is:

- Residents currently residing within Independent Living
total: 2 | with symptoms: 0 | without symptoms at this time: 2
- Residents currently residing within Penrose Harbor Skilled Nursing
total: 8 | with symptoms: 3 | without symptoms at this time: 5

Note: There was one new admission today. A person had been receiving rehab in Penrose Harbor and was discharged home on the day of the outbreak. They have subsequently tested positive and have returned to Penrose Harbor for care.

- Penrose Harbor staff recovering at home
total: 5 | with symptoms: 1 | without symptoms at this time: 4
- COVID-19-positive residents who have passed away: 1 on Thanksgiving Day

On-Site COVID-19 Testing & Local Case Counts

We will be conducting testing of all Penrose Harbor residents and all Penrose Harbor and Heron's Key staff members tomorrow in accordance with instructions from Tacoma-Pierce County Public Health. I'll update you at the end of the day regarding the results. I appreciate the precautions everyone is taking to help limit the spread of this virus. As of today, the City of Gig Harbor is reporting a whopping 571 cumulative cases, that's 80 new cases in less than a week. Our transmission rate in Pierce County as of today is 371.2 cases per 100,000 residents. This comes with a caveat from Public Health that case counts are likely under reported due to the large numbers of tests conducted over the last several days. We have yet to see the impact on transmissions that may have occurred over the Thanksgiving holiday.

There is light at the end of this tunnel in the form of vaccines that are already being shipped across the United States. Please continue to wear your masks always, keep interactions short and stay at least 6 feet apart from others, increase indoor air circulation whenever you can, continue to wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer before and after touching elevator buttons, and disinfect surfaces. We'll get to the end of this!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy".

Executive Director