



May 8th, 2020

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently announced that they would begin testing all communities that don't have cases of COVID-19 and we decided to proactively implement that testing ourselves to avoid bringing additional people to our campus and get information as soon possible. On Monday we tested our entire community of residents, staff and agency staff. It was mandatory for all staff to participate. At the time of our testing and as of today we still do not have any staff or residents with symptoms of COVID-19.

As of this afternoon, all our test results have come back except for three and we are tremendously relieved to tell you that no residents have tested positive. We should note that there were a couple of residents whose sample size was too small and we are waiting for results from new tests that were conducted yesterday.

Unfortunately six of our team members tested positive. All six are asymptomatic and both they and we were surprised by the results. There was no reason to suspect that they would be positive and as you are probably aware we have taken every precaution currently available to identify anyone that may have contracted the virus. While we cannot share the names of our team members that tested positive we can share with you that they are not all in one department or clustered together in any way.

We are working closely and diligently with IDPH and our Medical Director to contain the virus. We immediately took the following steps:

- All employees who tested positive and were on campus were immediately re-tested to rule out false positives. On Monday we used two different types of tests both provided by IDPH and it should be noted that all the positive results were the same type of test.
- All employees who tested positive were sent home and will remain there for 7 days. When they return they will be required to wear an N-95 mask until further direction from our Medical Director.
- We notified resident Power of Attorneys and our staff.
- We have scheduled a second test for all staff and residents for Monday, May 11th. Our staff "drive thru testing" will be open from 9:30-2:30.

Our goal moving forward is to establish the most aggressive testing regime possible. We have already reached out to IDPH to better understand what is possible in terms of the

amount of tests we can expect to receive on an ongoing basis and will report back to you all when we have a finalized plan.

While this is not the outcome we had hoped for we are grateful that we had the opportunity to proactively test our community and identify these asymptomatic cases. As you know we have put all the precautions and screenings possible in place on our campus to keep the virus out and keep everyone healthy and this information will help inform additional policies to further these efforts.

We are committed to doing everything that is required to protect the residents and staff who are not diagnosed with COVID-19 as well as making sure our staff that tested positive get the care they need should they develop symptoms. We continue to act with extreme caution, reinforcing the procedures we have in place and will continue to update you with any new information.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and support. It has lifted us up during this time.

We have scheduled our next Zoom Family Town Hall for Tuesday 19th at 6pm. The Zoom link is [here](#). We do hope you'll join us. Please share this link with any other family members who would like to participate.

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