



August 25, 2021

Hello!

Lots of updates to let you know about!

First, we did have a positive staff person in the nursing home from our testing on Monday, August 23rd. Thankfully, the person did not work during their infectious period. No residents were exposed. We are not in outbreak status.

We have continued to test unvaccinated staff in all programs per the CDC guidelines. This was our first positive since March. As we are seeing more vaccinated folks test positive, we will start testing vaccinated staff with our unvaccinated staff starting next week. Residents and tenants will not be tested unless they are symptomatic, have been exposed to COVID by a visitor, or if the program is in outbreak status.

Visitors--- we have a new protocol for entry to any of our programs. We are now rapid testing all visitors as of last Friday. We started testing due to one of our recent visitors alerting us that they were diagnosed with COVID. Since Friday, we have had two additional visitors test positive at our doors. We will continue rapid testing all visitors until the positivity rate in the community drops to a "low" level again.

Once COVID reaches 10% positivity level in Outagamie county, visitation will be restricted in all our programs. We currently are at about the 8% mark. Time will tell when and if this will happen. The COVID Update Line at 920-228-1888 will always have the most recent updates in visitation changes. This phone can also be used to set up visits. Please note that this line is monitored daily from 8am to 5pm. We request a 48-hour notice for visits, if possible.

If a program is in outbreak, visitation *may* be restricted. If you are a responsible party/POA you will be contacted with this information. Please ensure that if you are contacted that you make others in your family aware. You can also encourage family members and friends to watch for our website update letters and to listen to the message on the COVID Update Line.

Please continue to pray for Good Shepherd and our nation.

Deb Captain

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