

July 7, 2020



Dear McLean Patients, Residents and Families,

In compliance with the state mandated staff testing requirements, yesterday we began testing our nursing home staff members with our newly assigned provider. We are working closely with our designated CT partners to put a solid plan in place to schedule testing of our assisted living staff.

Staff testing is an integral part of our re-opening strategy, and we are being very thoughtful and methodical as we follow state guidelines for further re-opening.

Today, as we work hard to keep the virus at bay, we are awaiting test results from residents experiencing symptoms on the following neighborhoods: 2 residents on the Abernethy and 1 on Skyview.

We know it takes all of us to prevent the spread of this virus and our staff remains vigilant in appropriate PPE usage and hand hygiene. Our mitigating strategies remain in effect. You will find these listed below.

- Visitors are restricted in the building except at end-of-life care.
- Outside family visits with four guests that are screened at our door and visit by the circle with masks, hand hygiene and socially distancing. Window visits, Skype or FaceTime visits continue to be offered by appointment. No food/drinks allowed during visits.
- Group activities are restricted, including dining, which is limited to residences or areas that allow for appropriate social distances.
- A health screening process is in place at our entrance for all essential personnel entering the building.
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is available and worn by all staff while on campus.
- Enhanced cleaning process with approved products used and increased focus on touched surfaces.
- Masks are provided to all residents to wear when out of their room or if engaged with their care team (with the exception of face care, taking medications or eating).
- Regular audits are conducted by the CT Department of Public Health, National Guard and CDC to survey our infection control practices.

- Medical appointments via telemedicine are encouraged whenever possible.

As we wait for pending results, our cumulative data as of 7/7/20 is as follows:
Positive cases are noted based on resident's home neighborhood.

Assisted Living – last positive case identified 5/6/20

Robinson has had 1 positive (1 recovered)

Atwater has had 1 positive (1 recovered)

Abernethy has had 7 positives (5 recovered), 2 resident deaths (1 death at another facility)

Skilled Nursing Home – last positive case identified 4/24/20

Evergreen Way (post-acute) has had 6 positives (5 recovered), 1 death at another facility

Chapel Crossing has had 1 positive (1 recovered)

Skyview Terrace has had 17 positives (14 recovered), 3 resident deaths

Campus Employees 23 positive (22 recovered) last positive case 4/26/20

Time is running out to contribute to our time capsule! Please place the items you'd like to be included in the box on the table outside our front entrance by July 15th. Contact Jean.miles@mcleancare.org with any questions.

If you're planning a FaceTime or in-person outside visit, make an appointment with Kathy.Cookson@McLeancare.org. We are working hard to accommodate all requests for visits and manage our schedule to ensure that residents and their families have an enjoyable time with their loved ones. Drop-in visitors can create confusion and disruption. Please – **All visits must be scheduled and courtyard or over-the-fence visits are not allowed.**

A Family Council joint meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th at 2:00pm. Please be sure to email Joan.stefanowicz@mcleancare.org with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Be well.



David Bordonaro
President



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Vice President, Administrator of the Health Center