



## COVID-19 NOTIFICATION

**Date:** 1/09/2022

**To:** Our Healthcare Residents, Independent Living Community, Families, Team Members and Contracted Team Members

**Re:** Positive Test Result

Good Evening,

Yesterday afternoon we received notification of two team members in dining services testing positive for COVID-19 and an additional positive this morning. These individuals had worked the Healthcare portions of campus the two days preceding their positive test. Two of the three positives were found as part of our surveillance testing and not as a result of symptoms. Again, these positive appears to be the result of exposure outside of Village Shalom. All residents remain on outbreak testing protocol and thankfully continue to test negative at this time.

Please review the summary of cases on Village Shalom campus at this time listed below:

### **Independent Living Residents**

- New Cases: 0
- Total Active Cases: 0

### **Assisted Living Residents**

- New Cases: 0
- Total Active Cases: 0

### **Memory Support Residents:**

- New Cases: 0
- Total Active Cases: 0

### **Wang Rehabilitation Center Residents:**

- New Cases: 0
- Total Active Cases: 0

### **Health Center Residents**

- New Cases: 0
- Total Active Cases: 0

### **Team Members**

- New Cases: 2
- Total Active Cases: 8 (at home)

**Johnson County COVID-19 Positivity Rate = 26.6% (Red zone) \***

\*January 4, 2022 data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

In an effort to stay ahead of this rising surge of cases throughout the country, but particularly in our area there are a few safety measures we are putting in place for healthcare. For the next two weeks while the surge is at its height, we ask that the following safety measures be followed:

- No more than two visitors per resident at a time,
- Visits only occur in the resident's room and that all parties wear a well-fitted mask throughout the visit,
- Programming will continue, but attendance will be limited to allow for social distancing and well-fitted masks should be worn;
- Assisted Living will be limited to room trays for dining services until a schedule is established to limit the number of residents in the dining room at one time and reduce potential exposure.
- The remainder of healthcare will have room trays for dining services with the exception of individuals determined to be at greater risk if not in the dining room during meal times. IT will take a few days for the list of individuals to be identified and will be subject to change.
- Per CMS regulation, visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not come on campus.

Village Shalom would also encourage visitors to be tested on their own within 2-3 days prior to coming on campus. This is not a requirement, but more of a best practice given the high level of community transmission in Johnson County at this time. We recognize this may not be realistic so it is simply a recommendation. These restrictions are intended to be short term as a result of the rise in cases in the area. We remain grateful there does not appear to be community spread on Village Shalom campus or among the residents, but recognize with the positives among team members, the number of visitors coming on campus, and the positivity rate edging closer to 30% in the county, measures need to be taken to improve the safety of those we serve.

Precautions in place on campus include testing healthcare residents as well as vaccinated and unvaccinated team members twice a week, ongoing training and audits of team members on proper adherence to PPE and hand hygiene, and increased cleaning and sanitation of high touch areas. All team members are screened prior to entry on campus. With each positive test result, contact tracing is completed to determine if the infection was contracted on campus as well as identify anyone at risk of exposure as a result of the positive

Please do not hesitate to contact Matt Lewis at 913.266.8400 or Jamie Paredes at 913.266.8468 with any questions. Independent Living residents should contact Jill Allin with any inquiries at this time. She can be reached at 913.266.8410.

Thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely,



Matt Lewis – CEO

And Jamie Paredes – Nursing Home Administrator