



December 19, 2020

To Our Residents, Family Members and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that we have staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19.

We will continue to test the negative staff twice per week.

The safety and wellbeing of our residents and staff is our top priority. We are instituting measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 within Stephenson Nursing Center/Walnut Acres, including staying in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps under current circumstances. One measure we will be implementing is the use of N95 masks throughout the facility for the next 14 days. There will be masks at the entrance of each unit and before entering the back hallway.

We are continuing with the recommendations from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, such as:

- Enhanced infection control precautions
- Screening residents, staff, and essential visitors for expanded list of symptoms
- No visitors are allowed in the facility.
- All group activities are still cancelled
- Residents will continue to eat meals in their rooms, as determined appropriate
- Staff wear masks throughout the facility
- Continued assessments of resident's respiratory status and condition
- Infected resident will have increased frequency of respiratory assessments.
- All outdoor visits will be suspended at this time

We need your help in battling COVID-19. Please visit the CDC website (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) to learn how you can help prevent the spread in our community, since continued spread in the larger community increases the chance the virus will work its way into our building.

This is a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to provide you with updates. Please know that we are adhering to guidelines from the local and state health departments, which continue to evolve as we learn more about this virus.

Sincerely,

Stephenson Nursing Center/Walnut Acres