

Due to an increase in positive COVID –19 cases, Walnut Acres will be partially evacuated by the end of Thursday, October 15, 2020. Fifty residents will be relocated. All family members of residents have been contacted and notified. We will continue with recommendations from the 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 within the facility, including:

- 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 will wear masks throughout the facility
- Continued assessments of resident’s respiratory status and condition
- Infected residents will have an increased frequency of respiratory assessments.
- All outdoor visits will be suspended at this time

We will continue to proactively test, isolate and treat all remaining residents in the facility as needed and appropriate. We have open communication with IDPH to ensure safety of all staff residents and family members.

As updates become available, we will continue to keep you in contact with that information.