

DATE: September 12, 2021  
TO: Residents, Families and Friends  
FROM: Executive Director  
RE: NOTICE OF POTENTIAL EXPOSURE – GUIDANCE

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Please be advised we became aware today of an ancillary staff member whom tested positive for COVID-19. For everyone's safety our initial response when made aware of the potential exposure yesterday we began treating as a "potential outbreak" to mitigate the risk of any transmission secondary to Butler County PCR Rates placing us in the HIGH-RISK category with county positivity rates at 14.1% week ending 9/9/2021. The facility will follow Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidance for Testing and Response as outlined below:

- All residents and staff will be PCR tested at the facility and samples sent to Butler Lab for processing (mass screening same as we completed last year to meet universal testing requirements); repeat testing at least once a week until the testing identifies no new cases among staff or residents through at least one 14-day period since the most recent potential positive result (9/11/21);
- Staff and resident screenings for fever and respiratory symptoms;
  - Staff at beginning of every shift as normal
  - Residents twice daily as normal
- Resident outings for medical appointments or emergency transfers to hospitals for medical evaluation shall continue;
- High-risk outings for residents will be deferred during the mass screening period(s);
- Resident visitation (indoor) deferred during mass screening/testing timeframes with the exception of compassionate care and end of life visits to mitigate risk of any potential transmission;
- Communal dining and activities will be restricted until the first round of outbreak testing is completed (in room meal service and hallway and doorway activities preferred for safety);
- Residents should continue frequent handwashing and/or use of hand sanitizer.

We will send letters out to your primary contact/responsible party on Monday to keep them informed in addition to this website update and we will do our best to keep everyone updated while we take these precautionary measures during this upsurge of COVID-19 cases statewide and this "potential" exposure. PCR tests were ordered from Butler Lab, we will begin testing as soon as they arrive. Any questions or concerns, please speak with our Resident Services Director (Jackie Storey-Akins, LPN), our Support Nurse Supervisor (Deb Negley, LPN) or myself. As always, thank you for your support, understanding and cooperation throughout these unprecedented times.