



Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Dear Family and Friends,

I wanted to give you all a quick update about our Little Sisters Home. Yesterday we completed rapid testing for our staff. We currently have one employee and our Sister Supervisors in quarantine awaiting confirmation from the lab on their results. As I have explained in a previous update, if we have positive rapid test results, we are required to follow up with a PCR test that is sent to a lab for confirmation of those results.

We completed rapid tests on all the nursing residents on Saturday and will be completing another round of rapid tests tomorrow for all nursing and independent residents. We currently have 8 residents in the nest and are awaiting PCR results for 2 more this week who are currently isolated in their private rooms awaiting lab confirmation. In addition to our nursing floors, we did also have a resident in a private apartment test positive. This person is in strict isolation in the apartment, so as not to spread it throughout the floor.

Last week we had a visitor from the Ohio Department of Health. A surveyor came on-site to conduct a focused Infection Control survey of our Home. This is common in Homes that have cases of COVID. I am happy to report that after touring the Home, conducting 10-15 staff interviews and reviewing much of our documentation, she did not find any areas of concern. We were deficiency free upon her exit conference yesterday. Our employees continue to wear full protective equipment when caring for the residents who have been infected with the virus. We are also continuing to use surgical masks for all residents, as tolerated, when they are receiving direct care, to try to help slow the spread. We continue to be proactive and follow all recommendations from the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health.

On a positive note, last Friday we had a company, The Art of Klean, here from Indianapolis. They completed a disinfecting fog treatment throughout the entire Home. The ULV Cold fogging treatment is a quick and effective way to disinfect large areas and is eco-friendly. We are hopeful that this helps to stop the spread of the virus in the Home.

I am also happy to report that last Friday I was contacted by a representative from Omnicare, the CVS Health Company, regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. We are tentatively scheduled before the end of December to hold a vaccination clinic at our Home for all nursing residents and staff who are interested in receiving the vaccine. I am hopeful that this date holds true and we can begin getting consents signed and the vaccine given.

I know this is a lot of information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks, Mother Marie Edward & Jenny Nijak, Administrator