



VASSAR-WARNER HOME
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An Important COVID-19 Alert

February 9, 2022

Good afternoon!

I am writing to tell you that 1 more resident has been confirmed positive today bringing our total count of 9 positives. Again, I'm a little stumped as to how one of them became positive.

This resident has been tested all along and was negative at that time, but probably in the incubation period. Currently we have stopped all group activities and communal dining. We are providing in room activities as much as possible and attempting to make everyone as entertained as possible. Meals...well that has been a learning process. We are not a nursing home or hospital and have never been in the situation when everyone is eating in their rooms at the same time. We continue to make changes and we hope that everyone is bearing with us!

We continue to follow guidelines as set forth by the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health:

- There will be one staff stationed on the floor where the positive residents reside to ensure everyone's safety.
- Positive residents will not be allowed out of their rooms, and each have been given a commode.
- Positive residents will have their oxygen levels tested every 4 hours
- All non-positive residents **MUST** wear a mask once leaving their room.
- For the next 10 days, all residents, regardless of COVID status will eat all 3 meals in their individual rooms.
- Activities will be held on each floor but will involve non-touch activities.
- Visitation, either in house or off property, will cease for at least another 10 days which will bring the new date to at least **FEBRUARY 19**. This includes all medical appointments.
- **WE WILL BEGIN RETESTING ALL RESIDENTS 10 DAYS AFTER THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIVE TEST DATE.**

The county is discouraging sending anyone out to the local hospitals unless it is absolutely necessary. They have also told us that there are no beds available at the local skilled nursing facilities to take our residents to quarantine. We are lucky that there is no one that seems to be very sick. Signs and symptoms have been runny noses and low grade fevers.

We started testing all staff today and so far all are negative.

In addition, the County will be here on Thursday February 10 at 9am to booster the remaining staff and the residents that are eligible and consenting.

I appreciate everyone's support with this challenge. We know you are all concerned, as we are. But I promise you we are doing everything in our power to keep everyone safe. I am truly sorry for all of this.

As always, please reach out should you have any questions and remember that we can always set up Zoom Video calls with your loved ones.

We will keep you all updated if there are any changes.

Be well,
Ericka and my fantastic Vassar-Warner Home Team



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