



# FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE

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Fairmount is dedicated to keeping our residents, families, and team members informed of new developments regarding COVID-19. While we do not have any COVID-19 positive residents currently on our campus or residents with symptoms of the virus (other than the patients we admitted into our isolated Dogwood treatment hallway from area facilities or hospitals), we learned yesterday of a team member who has tested positive for COVID-19. The part-time team member last worked in Health Care on June 7 with minimal interaction with residents. Symptoms did not appear in this team member until nearly two days after his/her last shift and that team member has been quarantined at home since. The team member was not working in the isolation unit in the Dogwood treatment hallway.

Fairmount continues to follow CDC and DOH guidelines to limit future exposure by conducting team member and resident screenings, wearing masks at all times, practicing proper and frequent hand hygiene, and maintaining vigilant levels of cleanliness in our buildings, including frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces.

## **MANDATORY UNIVERSAL TESTING**

Per the order of the Secretary of the PA Department of Health on June 9, 2020, we have been directed to perform baseline universal testing for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on all Health Care residents and their caregivers no later than July 24, 2020. Lancaster County will provide testing for our residents and team members in the Health Care Center through Clarity Laboratories. They will be on campus July 9 and 10 to administer a mucosal swab test for COVID-19.

## **LANCASTER COUNTY & SURROUNDING COUNTIES**

Lancaster County and surrounding counties continue to see more cases of COVID-19 each day, especially among the Plain Community. We implore you to continue to adhere to CDC's guidelines of keeping safe distances from others, wearing a face covering, washing your hands regularly, and avoiding large gatherings.

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR NURSING ASSISTANTS**

Thank you to all of our Nursing Assistants, now more than ever, for all the care you provide for our residents. This week, June 18 to June 24, we celebrate National Nursing Assistants Week. From serving meals to feeding residents to assisting in grooming and hygiene care, Nursing Assistants are the backbone of nursing care. Thank you for providing hands-on care for our residents.