



# FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE

July 31, 2020

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## **Universal Testing**

In compliance with a Department of Human Services (DHS) order, COVID-19 testing of Personal Care residents and team members was conducted this week. Other team members that were not previously tested were also included in this testing. We hope to have the results by the end of next week. With our universal testing in Health Care earlier in July, and as experienced by many other retirement communities, we saw positive test results of asymptomatic residents and team members through the testing. We anticipate we may again have some residents and team members who are not displaying symptoms of the virus, test positive. We have plans in place if this happens.

## **Testing Update and Other Precautions**

The symptom free Health Care resident that tested positive last week and was being isolated in our Dogwood treatment hallway has been removed from isolation per the PA Department of Health (DOH) guidelines. This week six more Health Care residents have tested positive. To keep our residents and team members safe we are discontinuing visits in the Health Care and Personal Care Visitation Rooms for the present time.

Since the baseline testing, three additional team members have tested positive and are isolating at home. Starting on August 4, we will be retesting Health Care team members and residents who previously tested negative for the virus. We will continue this retesting on a weekly basis to better help us minimize exposure for our residents and team members.

For added safety, we implemented universal isolation precautions for all of our second floor residents, following CDC and DOH guidelines. In addition, we have increased disinfection of high touch areas and resident rooms. Enhancements to the second floor circulation system have been added to reduce exposure. Also, we are consulting with PA DOH Epidemiology and infection control specialists to ensure that our residents and team members stay safe.

As an additional COVID-19 precaution, the Soup and Hot Bar in the Wheat Ridge Cats Back Café was closed this week. In addition to increasing our usual Grab and Go Options, Dining Services will be offering new selections such as wraps. Thanks for your support of our efforts to keep everyone safe!

## **A Difficult Loss**

With very heavy hearts we regret to inform you that our first resident has passed away due to COVID-19. While our deepest sympathy goes to this resident's family, this is also a huge loss for all of us who have been working so hard to protect our residents. We continue to increase efforts to implement additional ways to keep our residents and team safe.

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## **Continue to Stay Safe and Keep Us Informed**

We have confirmed positive residents on campus so we ask that you stay especially vigilant in preventing the virus from spreading. Thanks for honoring the DOH and DHS restriction of no visitation between the levels of care in Health Care and Personal Care and no visits from Residential Living residents in Personal Care and Health Care.

Actions that protect all of us at Fairmount include following CDC protocols regarding hand hygiene, wearing face coverings, maintaining safe distancing and avoiding gatherings of more than 25 people. Also, remember that if you come into contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive, please convey that information to us immediately. This enables us to take necessary precautions to keep our residents and team members safe.

Lastly, your continued prayer support is always very much appreciated. As an organization rooted in faith, we have peace of mind, knowing that God has overcome the world. Join us in continuing to put our faith over our fear!