



# FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE

August 7, 2020

*Dedicated to Faith, Family & Community*

## **PERSONAL CARE BASELINE UNIVERSAL TESTING UPDATE**

On July 30, Personal Care residents and team members were tested for COVID-19. We are grateful that all 48 residents and 50 Personal Care and administrative team members were negative.

## **SECOND ROUND OF HEALTH CARE UNIVERSAL TESTING**

On August 4, 213 residents and team members in Health Care were tested for coronavirus. 193 of the results were negative. However, six Health Care residents and 14 Health Care team members tested positive. They were mostly asymptomatic (not displaying symptoms). The residents were immediately placed in isolation and the team members are quarantining at home. Health Care continues to be the only area where residents have tested positive on campus.

## **HEAVY HEARTS**

During the pandemic, there have been many challenging days and weeks. This past week may have been one of the most trying for Fairmount. This week, despite our best efforts, we have experienced additional COVID-19 positive cases on campus. The residents who tested positive all came from one floor in our Health Care facility and most were asymptomatic. All 14 team members were asymptomatic. As you may have seen in today's edition of LNP, over the last two weeks, six of our residents have passed away from complications related to COVID-19. One additional resident passed away since the article was written. The entire Fairmount team remains deeply saddened by the loss of these residents and we have expressed our sincerest sympathies to the residents' families. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as we mourn together.

Fairmount has been following CDC's recommended protocols and control measures since first learning of the novel coronavirus. We effectively kept our residents free from the virus for over four months. However, the virus is insidious and can disproportionately impact the vulnerable population we serve. Despite adherence to local, state, and federal guidance to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, the virus has managed to find ways to enter into long-term care facilities nationwide, not just in Lancaster County.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has completed an on-site assessment and verified that our infection control procedures to limit the transmission of COVID-19 have remained appropriate. On a regular basis, our team has worked closely with experts in infectious disease and epidemiology to confirm that we are doing all that we can. We intend to continue to stay in close contact with our state health department and infectious disease experts to do all we can to mitigate the spread of exposure. Resident and team member safety has been, and will continue to be, our top priority.

Jesus said that in this world we will experience trouble, but we have the peace of mind in knowing that God has overcome the world.

Fairmount leadership would like to extend our gratitude to the entire dedicated team in all departments who are working diligently to keep our residents well cared for and safe. Please know that your efforts are tremendously appreciated.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we navigate this challenging time.



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## **THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING ME**

Please wear your masks when in public, so that it covers your mouth and nose. This protects me.



## **DO YOUR PART TO HELP US BE SAFE**

Thank you for remaining vigilant and following the protocols from the CDC regarding hand hygiene, wearing face coverings, maintaining safe distancing and avoiding large gatherings of more than 25 people, especially in enclosed areas. These guidelines protect you and your friends and neighbors at Fairmount.

## **KEEP US INFORMED**

If you come into contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of or has tested positive for COVID-19, please let us know immediately. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, fever and loss of smell or taste.