



FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE

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COVID-19 TESTING

On November 9 and 10, COVID-19 testing among Health Care residents and team members yielded 248 negative results and four positive results. The positive results came from a Health Care team member who last worked November 12, and three non-direct caregivers, two of whom last worked November 10 and one who last worked on November 14. They will quarantine at home before returning to work.

The week of November 16, we conducted COVID-19 testing of residents and team members in Health Care. The results are pending. We will hold another round of testing in Health Care on November 24.

CONSIDER A NON-TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY SEASON

In the news this week are reports of record-setting number of COVID-19 positive cases in Lancaster County and across the Commonwealth. Additionally, the state-issued travel restrictions go into effect today. Considering these factors, perhaps the wisest thing to do is celebrate a non-traditional holiday season this year. It is recommended that you opt to stay home to celebrate with only your immediate household and not gather with extended family and friends. To be safe, you may choose to attend virtual or online church functions this season, as well. We want all of you to be safe and healthy and do your part to keep your friends and neighbors at Fairmount safe. Our team members have the extra responsibility of knowing that exhibiting risky behavior while not at work, may result in them bringing COVID into our hallways and possibly infecting our residents and their fellow coworkers. Please use caution and make wise decisions.

Please be careful this holiday season by limiting public interaction, wearing a mask properly (covering your mouth and nose), maintaining a safe physical distance from others of at least six feet, and washing your hands regularly, especially if you've been out in public. Please stay home if you are not feeling well and inform Fairmount if you are displaying flu-like symptoms.

CHANGES TO VISITATION

Visitation remains available for Health Care residents in the Harvest View visitation room. Visits may be scheduled at FairmountHomes.org. Due to the increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in Lancaster County and surrounding counties, we are suspending in-person visitation in both Wheat Ridge Personal Care and Farm Crest Personal Care effective Monday, November 23.

LONG-TERM CARE PROVIDERS NEED LIMITED LIABILITY PROTECTIONS

LeadingAge PA is an association that represents the interests of retirement communities and nursing facilities in Harrisburg. This week they issued a request for Pennsylvanians to contact the governor and their state senators and representatives to support reasonable and limited liability protections from lawsuits for healthcare providers during this public health crisis. House Bill 1737 would protect retirement communities, like Fairmount, from being sued for decisions made in good faith provision of care and services during the pandemic. More information can be found at www.leadingagepa.org. You may contact the Governor to show your support of House Bill 1737 by going to www.governor.pa.gov/contact/ or calling 717-787-2500.

DOGWOOD HALLWAY UPDATE

This week, we had no admissions into our Dogwood isolation hallway. Three residents discharged from Dogwood this week. We have cared for a total of 85 individuals in Dogwood since early April.