



FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE

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Dedicated to Faith, Family & Community

COVID-19 TESTING

On November 16 and 17, COVID-19 testing among Health Care residents and team members yielded 254 negative results and five positive results. The positive results came from five non-direct caregivers who will quarantine at home before returning to work. Another round of COVID-19 testing was conducted for Health Care residents and team members on the week of November 23. The results are pending.

HAVE A MEANINGFUL AND SAFE THANKSGIVING

Below is a letter that was submitted to the Lancaster Newspaper on behalf of several CEO's of local retirement communities. During Thanksgiving week, it is so important to wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands. Also, please pray for health and safety for our residents and team members!

Now that the Thanksgiving season has arrived, many are thinking of things for which they can be thankful. Our deep and long-lasting relationships with the Lancaster community are high on that list for us. Without the involvement of many with ties to this county over the years, this area would not be able to serve so many seniors today.

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected many people and continues to do so. None of our organizations have avoided these effects. The largest issue right now is around community spread reaching into our team members' homes. This is leading to several significant issues. In recent weeks, several of our organizations have been without enough staff to adequately serve residents and clients leading to leadership teams having to take direct care shifts, the reduction of non-essential services and even needing to bring in agency nursing services, which is incredibly expensive. Adding to that is the cost and time burden of coordinating testing and safety work. Our team members are tired and burning out.

We come to the community today with several specific requests.

Pray – *We ask for prayers not only for those suffering with COVID-19 and their families, but that our team members, residents and clients will remain healthy. In addition, we ask for prayers that new employees will be found to step into the gaps. This is incredibly important and all of us are in need. We also ask that you pray that the local, state and federal leaders will listen and learn from those on the front lines and take actions helpful to keeping us safe.*

Act – *Please heed the strong message of the vital importance of following guidance from public health officials and regulations. Until we have large numbers of vaccines available, it is critically important to hold onto the tools we have. The following of these guidelines and the wearing of masks in public settings is not a sign of weakness or lack of faith, but rather a sign of care and respect for others throughout the larger community.*

Engage – *If you have questions on how you can help or ideas for ways we can directly engage with you, please reach out to us. We are all in this together.*

With appreciation,

Jerry Lile, President/CEO Fairmount Homes;

Steve Lindsey, President/CEO Garden Spot Communities;

John Sauder, President/CEO Mennonite Home Communities;

Dave Shenk, President/CEO Tel Hai Retirement Community;

Larry Zook, President/CEO Landis Communities

DOGWOOD HALLWAY UPDATE

This week, we had two admissions into our Dogwood isolation hallway. Two residents discharged from Dogwood this week. We have cared for a total of 87 individuals in Dogwood since early April.