



FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE

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COVID-19 TESTING

The results from our COVID-19 testing from the week of December 7 yielded the following:

- 271 negative results
- 3 positive results

The positive results came from two non-direct Fairmount caregivers and one Personal Care resident. The team members will quarantine at home before returning to work. The resident is being treated in our Dogwood isolation hallway. No Health Care residents tested positive.

The results from COVID-19 testing from the week of December 14 yielded the following:

- 305 negative results
- 0 positive results
- 17 results pending

Another round of COVID-19 testing for Health Care and Personal Care residents and team members will be conducted the week of December 21.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Residents in Health Care and Personal Care as well as all Fairmount team members will have an opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccination early in 2021. While the vaccination is not mandatory, it is highly recommended that our residents and team members receive it. Currently, there are limited numbers of the vaccines in the United States, and priority in receiving it is being given to healthcare personnel and residents of long-term care communities. The state has contracted with CVS to administer the tests at these locations. The vaccines currently available require two doses to get the most protection the vaccine has to offer against this deadly disease. Fairmount will not be provided vaccines for apartment and cottage residents.

Despite normal side effects that may occur with this and any other vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccine has been determined to be very safe. It has been carefully evaluated and tested in clinical trials involving tens of thousands of individuals without any major side effects. After a review of all the information, the CDC believes the lifesaving benefits of COVID-19 vaccination for long-term care residents and team members outweigh the risks of possible side effects. Getting vaccinated will protect you from getting COVID-19 and from spreading it to your friends, family and neighbors.

Karina Dussinger, CRNP, provided an informational presentation on the vaccine for our team members recently and fielded questions from the audience. Notes from that presentation are available on our COVID-19 Update page on our website at www.FairmountHomes.org. For additional information on the vaccines or to get the most up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit the CDC website, www.cdc.gov.

DOGWOOD HALLWAY UPDATE

Since the last update, two patients from area hospitals were admitted into the Dogwood isolation hallway. During that same time period, three residents were discharged from Dogwood. To date, we have cared for 97 individuals in Dogwood since early April.