



FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE

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COVID-19 TESTING

The number of COVID-19 cases is soaring in Lancaster County and the surrounding counties. Area hospitals are surpassing previous records in the number of COVID positive patients they are currently treating. Additionally, all skilled nursing facilities in Lancaster County continue with weekly testing. With all this testing taking place, the laboratories that are processing test results are overwhelmed. We are finding that test results, previously returned in 48 to 72 hours, are now taking over a week to come back. We still only have a fraction of the test results returned from our November 23 and 24 testing and we have zero results from our December 1 and 2 testing. The results so far from the last testing in November are as follows:

- 66 negative
- 2 positive
- 191 pending

The positive results came from two non-direct Fairmount caregivers. They are quarantining at home before returning to work.

Another round of COVID-19 testing for Health Care and Personal Care residents and team members will be conducted the week of December 7.

VISITATION

At this time, window visits are still permitted in our Harvest View visitation room for first floor residents in Health Care and for Wheat Ridge Personal Care residents. Visits for second floor Health Care residents and for Farm Crest Personal Care residents are currently suspended. Arrangements for the Harvest View visits may be reserved at FairmountHomes.org.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

As we approach a Christmas unlike others we have experienced in the past, Fairmount is finding creative ways to encourage and uplift our residents' spirits. Dozens of poinsettias and seasonal decorations adorn the hallways and common areas across campus. Several model trains were loaned for the residents to enjoy. We have live-streamed church services and special music programs. Other special events and activities are planned this month to spread cheer to our residents, even as the pandemic limits them from gathering in person with families and friends. For team members, Fairmount has the 12 Days of Christmas event. Each weekday between December 1 through December 16, names of team members are drawn at random to win a prize. The first day, one name is drawn. The second day, two names are drawn. The third day, three names are drawn, and so on until twelve names are drawn on the twelfth day.

This Christmas season, please continue to pray that our residents and team members will be inspired by Christ's love and feel His presence while dealing with the disappointment of not being able to celebrate Christmas as in years past.

DOGWOOD HALLWAY UPDATE

Since the last update, three 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 90 individuals in Dogwood since early April.