



Covid-19 Updates for October 6, 2020

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Redstone,

We wanted to provide you with some follow-up information about positive Covid-19 cases in our Independent Living (IL) apartments in Greensburg. Today, we have begun follow-up testing following our established protocols.

When a resident has symptoms or has been in close contact with a resident who is known to be positive, we test that resident using a “rapid antigen test.” Results from these tests are known very quickly. If this rapid test is positive, we must assume that the resident is positive for Covid-19. So far, we have had two additional residents test positive through this rapid test, bringing our total to five. If the rapid test is negative, we still go one step further to make sure that the result is accurate. We follow up with a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test. The PCR test is slightly more intrusive in the nose and takes 48 – 72 hours to receive results, but this test is the more accurate of the two. We follow this same protocol for employees who are symptomatic, or have returned from travel.

For residents in IL Greensburg who neither have symptoms or were in close contact with a positive case, we are testing using this PCR test. We will receive the results for these residents in 48 – 72 hours. Because of the volume of testing, we will only contact residents who have tested positive with their results. So in this case, no news is good news. This testing is a lengthy process and we were unable to finish all of our asymptomatic residents today. We will be completing this testing process tomorrow.

As a reminder, our IL programs and facilities in Greensburg have temporarily been closed. Residents who were in close contact with one of the positive cases within a window of time have been advised to self-quarantine in their apartments. All residents are encouraged to self-isolate as much as possible, until we have completed the testing process. Meals may be ordered and delivered to the apartments, and personal shopper service is offered through the Gift Shop. While we must still permit visitors to the IL apartments as per state law and our visitor guidelines, we strongly encourage families to use sound judgment and NOT visit at this time. Current high levels of new cases place both the visitors and our residents at risk.

Operations, including the in-person visitor program, remain normal in Skilled Nursing and Personal Care in Greensburg, and on our North Huntingdon and Murrysville campuses. If you

are feeling unwell, or have been exposed to someone who may have Covid-19, please do not visit our campuses.

The level of spread within Westmoreland County continues to be concerning to us, and we are seeing the implications of this spread. Please be vigilant in your own use of social distancing, masking, and hand washing as we continue through this difficult time.

We will update again as soon as we have additional testing results to share with you.

Sincerely,

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