



Covid-19 Updates for September 9, 2020

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Redstone,

Yesterday, we continued our Covid testing process, testing employees connected to our Greensburg and North Huntingdon campuses. This testing is now complete, and we discovered an additional 5 Covid-positive team members on our Greensburg campus, and an additional external agency worker. Our positive cases to date are as follows:

- Murrysville Residents: 0 Cases
- Murrysville Team: 0 Cases
- Greensburg Residents: 0 Cases
- Greensburg Employees: 8 Cases
- North Huntingdon Residents: 4 Cases
- North Huntingdon Team: 1 Case
- Redstone@Home Team: 2 Cases
- External Agency: 1 Case

Today, we are testing residents in our Greensburg Personal Care (Courtyard and Garden) and Skilled Nursing areas. Tomorrow, testing will take place in the North Huntingdon Personal Care Home (Courtyard and Terrace.) On Friday, Independent Living residents on our North Huntingdon campus will be tested again.

We have successfully completed our contact tracing, and have asked those who had direct exposure to self-isolate until completing the testing process. As a precaution, a small number of Independent Living residents in Greensburg have been tested due to this contact tracing. As disappointing as it has been for us to have these positive cases, we must keep in mind that our total percentage of positive cases among the employees we have tested has only been 2.5%, while the percent positive rate in Westmoreland County is 3.9%. This is one time when we are very glad to be below average.

We know that you wonder why all of this repeated testing is necessary. Please remember that testing is a “snapshot in time.” Test results only show that one is negative or positive at this moment in time. Until we have ALL negative test results, there must always be concern that additional employees or residents may come in contact with the virus, and become positive in the next round of testing. Unfortunately, to make sure that our campuses are free of Covid, we must continually retest campuses where we have had cases until that day when all results are negative. We do not want to be pessimistic, but we have been observing the experiences of organizations similar to Redstone.

While the number of employees and residents who actually become symptomatic for Covid-19 might remain very small, it may be a challenging process to get to the point where there are zero positive test results on a campus. We hope and pray that we might reach this level as soon as possible, and we will be diligent in our response and in ensuring that we are back to a Covid-free baseline.

The information that we shared in the last letter remains in effect related to visiting, the closing of dining rooms, cancellation of activities, etc. All of these efforts will help us to control spread and maintain the safest environment for our residents. Operations remain as usual on our Murrysville campus due to no cases. In Greensburg, Independent Living residents may still visit the Dining Room, Gift Shop, and other public spaces.

As we move forward in the testing process, we will continue to share the results with you. We ask for your continued prayers as we move through this challenge.

Sincerely,

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