
COVID-19 UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS
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Unfortunately, we do not have any test results back for our residents or our staff. The first of the tests went in last Thursday, and 8 days later, we still do not have results. We are calling the lab on a daily basis - sometimes multiple times per day - and have even used an online method of looking up the results and there are no results.

The testing situation is very dire. As you know, we initially had difficulty getting the test kits, and now that we have received them it is taking an inordinate amount of time to get results. If by chance a staff member whose test was submitted on Thursday, July 23 were an asymptomatic positive, they have been in contact with people for at least 8 days. In fact, the guidance for an asymptomatic positive would keep them off work for 10 days and we are at 8 days before we even know the results.

All of the staff that were out (the one that did test positive, the one that tested negative but had symptoms, and the others that had been exposed) are all back. We could not be happier to have them back at Westminster and have negative tests for them.

Independent Living residents received a memo in their mailboxes today that announced that the Independent Living dining rooms will open two days per week beginning on August 18. We thank everyone for their understanding of the constraints we will need to put into place to have this work.

We continue to await new visitation guidance for Martin Health Center and Assisted Living. We have been told for weeks that the Illinois Department of Public Health has approved a plan and that the plan is in the Governor's office. We ask frequently and that is the only answer we get, but we pray that we will be able to have more connection for people in the near future and in doing so we will continue to practice the safe measures of mask wearing, distancing and frequent hand washing.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us for any suggestions you might have as we work together to get through this.