
COVID-19 UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND STAFF
FROM: MATT RIEHLE
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As we prepare for Thanksgiving tomorrow, we wanted to send a quick update and note of thanks to all for everything that is being done to help keep each other safe. I am very pleased to announce that for the second week in a row all staff tested negative! As of today, we will have just 3 staff, across the entire campus, off due to secondary exposure with all doing well and ready to come back as soon as they have been off for the required time.

We continue to wait on all of the results for MHC and Assisted Living, however as of today we only have one resident that tested positive. That resident is doing well and, out of precaution, was moved to the COVID unit. We have re-opened 5100 as all of those residents have been released by the Health Department to be out of quarantine. However, as the news continues to report, the cases both locally, regionally, and nationally continue to be very high. We will not let our guard down and will continue to follow the mitigation rules and guidance as enacted by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Governor's office in regard to gathering and visitation.

This will undoubtedly be a Thanksgiving unlike those we are accustomed to and the challenges we have encountered do seem monumental at times. However, as Barb stated last week, we do have hope and we do see progress. Rapid testing is becoming more available, the U of I saliva rapid testing appears to be making progress and all indications are that a vaccine may be on the horizon. We know how many sacrifices have been made by residents, families, staff and friends and we are working every day to ensure those are not in vain. So, we pray that everyone can find some peace and joy this Thanksgiving and, although it may be in a different manner than in the past, you each get to share that thanks and gratefulness with each other for the many blessings we share.