



September 17th, 2021

Residents and Families,

Yesterday afternoon it was reported to us that a team member on Mountain Chalet tested positive for COVID-19. Through contact tracing with the help of the health department, it was determined that there is not a connection between the positive case on Mountain Chalet and the previous positive on Cottage Creek or Millcreek Drive. All residents receiving care from the Mountain Chalet team were immediately retested today and thankfully all residents tested negative. All team members, regardless of vaccination status remain on twice weekly testing.

CMS and the CDC released new guidance that no longer requires fully vaccinated residents to isolate following an exposure of this nature. The CDC states fully vaccinated residents do not need to be restricted to their rooms or cared for by the Healthcare Professional using the full PPE recommended for the care of a resident with SARS-CoV-2 infection unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19, are diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 infection, or the facility is direct to do so by the jurisdiction 's public health authority.

Unvaccinated residents should generally be restricted to their rooms, even if testing is negative, and cared for by Healthcare professionals using an N95 or higher-level respirator, eye protections, gloves and gown. They should not participate in group activities. This is all per the CDC.

As a result of the recent positive cases, visits on all neighborhoods will need to be held outdoors with the exception of end of life or specific compassionate care situations. This guidance also states that if no additional cases are identified during the broad-based testing, room restrictions and full PPE use by healthcare professionals caring for unvaccinated residents can be discontinued after 14 days and no further testing is indicated. If additional cases are identified, testing should continue on affected neighborhoods or community-wide every 3-7 days in addition to room restriction and full PPE use for unvaccinated residents, until there are no new cases for 14 days.

We continue to strongly encourage the entire Evergreen family including each of you to continue to be vigilant and help us in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Wear your mask even if it isn't required as the CDC does recommend wearing a mask for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Practice good hand hygiene and socially distance yourself. Please continue to take all appropriate mitigation efforts and remind your loved ones to do the same. During both indoor and outdoor visits, a well-fitted mask should be worn at any time you are visiting on the Evergreen campus.

As a reminder, we will plan to keep all necessary medical appointments outside the community, however caution that not all doctor's office will accept individuals that have a potential exposure, so we will be verifying with the office prior to the appointment. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like any additional information on our practices within the community or plans moving forward.

Sincerely,

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