

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



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URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2021

TO: Rock Haven Residents and Families

FROM: Sara Beran, Interim Nursing Home Administrator

RE: Three or More Individuals with Signs and Symptoms and Updates

Dear Rock Haven Residents and Families:

Rock Haven would like to share that we have had three more individuals with sign and symptoms consistent with COVID-19. We're currently following all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, as well as, guidance from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This includes all staff members adhering to the "Criteria for Return to Work for Health Care Personnel with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19" guidance issued by the CDC before returning to work. In addition, all residents who experience signs or symptoms of COVID-19 are immediately quarantined to their room pending a negative COVID-19 test and improvement in signs and symptoms.

We are continuing to follow the practices below to ensure the safety of residents and staff:

- All residents and staff are tested twice weekly for COVID-19;
- Prior to each shift, staff wash their hands, take their temperature, and answer a series of questions to ensure they are not exhibiting any known COVID-19 symptoms;
- Staff are required to participate in hand washing, personal protective equipment, and disinfecting audits;
- We conduct a rigorous sanitation regimen that follows, and in some cases exceeds, all state and federal guidelines. This includes increasing the daily volume of cleaning done in common, medical and residential areas. All protective and medical equipment are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturer instructions;
- Residents and staff maintain 6 feet of social distance when not providing direct care and all gatherings are limited in size;
- Lastly, all employees continue to wear face shields and procedure masks for the entirety of their shift, and residents are encouraged to remain in their rooms, wear a mask outside their room and are monitored 3x per day for new onset of respiratory symptoms.

The two residents who previously tested positive for COVID-19 are no longer residing in our "red zone." They have completed their 10 day quarantine and will be transferred to their previous room. The "red zone" will still be functional until the finality of the pandemic. During our twice weekly outbreak testing, there has been no recent residents who have tested positive. We remain diligent in all we do to prevent having to use the "red zone" again. This includes

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hosting our next vaccine clinic, February 2nd. All residents who received their first dose will receive the final dose of the Moderna vaccine.

Unfortunately, indoor visitation will remain restricted to compassion visits until the county positivity rate is below 10% and the facility is not conducting outbreak testing. Please contact your social worker – Gail Sullivan (608) 757-5325 or Theresa Talbert (608) 757-5104 to schedule a visit through FaceTime, Zoom, Google Duo, phone calls, window visits, and emails.

We will continue to provide updates with as much information as we can on our efforts to combat COVID-19 and how we are best caring for our residents.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sara Beran

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