

MEMORANDUM

TO: Daughters of Sarah Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Families and Residents
FROM: Mark L. Koblenz, CEO
DATE: May 24, 2021

I am sending this Memo today to advise you that we did learn of one of our staff members who has tested positive for the coronavirus. This particular employee worked on our Gold Unit, and is now in quarantine.

Earlier today, in keeping with current CDC outbreak procedures (which apply whenever any single resident or employee tests positive for the virus), we did test each of the facility's residents. We are pleased to note that all of those tests have returned as negative for COVID-19.

Pursuant to existing Department of Health guidance on visitation, we are required to extend the suspension of visitation for the Gold Unit for the next 14 days. We sincerely rue the impact that these regulations have on our families.

In the meantime, both in-door and out-door visitation with residents from the other facility units can proceed as scheduled.

As I trust you realize, we do continue to offer COVID vaccinations to all residents and staff willing and able to receive them. Despite intimations you may have seen in the press regarding the level of nursing home vaccinations in general, our current vaccination rates are higher than the overall public – 94% of our residents are vaccinated, as are 77% of our staff.

Please be aware that we will continue to follow our outbreak testing protocols, which involves a series of follow-up COVID tests for the residents. Staff interacting with residents on the Gold Unit will continue to utilize expanded, appropriate personal protective equipment, as is required by State regulations.

Window visits and virtual visits remain available, especially for residents on the Gold Unit. To schedule a window visit, please call our Activities Department at 518-724-3290. To schedule a virtual visit via FaceTime or Skype, please contact your loved one's social worker.

We really appreciate your cooperation and your boundless fortitude.