

MEMORANDUM

TO: Daughters of Sarah Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Families and Residents
FROM: Mark L. Koblenz, CEO
DATE: December 8, 2021

In keeping with our practice of informing residents, families, and friends as to the status of COVID related matters at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, I am writing to let you know that, earlier today, one of our staff members on the Memory Enhancement Unit (MEU) tested positive for the virus.

Accordingly, we have implemented our outbreak testing procedures. The Center's residents and staff have been tested; and all of those test results have returned as negative. We will continue periodic testing in the days ahead, all in accord with our protocols.

While the CDC and NY DOH have indicated that it is safer for visitors not to enter the Center during an outbreak investigation, visitation remains open. However, during an outbreak investigation, **CDC rules require that all parties should wear face coverings or masks at all times during a visit, whether an individual is vaccinated or not.** Moreover, to minimize the risk of exposure to others, visits should occur solely in resident rooms.

The CDC regulations require that, even if all of our first results are negative, we must still perform certain follow-up tests to ensure that the virus is not incubating. Please be aware that we will perform those tests as, and when, required. If any test does come back positive for the virus, we will directly notify the resident and family involved; otherwise, we will continue to utilize these Memorandum and our Coronavirus Hotline to inform you of the results.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to call your loved one's social worker.

We will continue to post updates of information regarding COVID on our Coronavirus Hotline at 518-724-3203 and on our Website (www.daughtersofsarah.org). Please avail yourself of these options.

Thank you for your continued understanding, compassion, and support.

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