

HOMewood *AT MARTINSBURG*

A Continuing Care Retirement Community

October 21, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

Greetings to you all! I hope that you are all well and enjoying this last blast of warm weather. I would like to provide an update of the Covid-19 outbreak on our campus.

Health Care Center

As of today, we have 32 Springfield residents test positive for COVID. I am pleased to report that 7 have recovered and returned to the general nursing unit. I am sad to report that we mourn the passing of 1 resident whose symptoms further progressed. The remaining residents continue being cared for on our designated unit with no symptoms or mild symptoms at this time.

We have 17 Springfield coworkers test positive with 5 fully recovered and returned to work. We anticipate the return of 10 additional coworkers over the next week.

We have had one staff member on our Tenley unit test positive. We believe that this case was contracted outside of Homewood as all other staff members and residents on that unit have tested negative. The coworker is excluded from work at this time.

We continue with our outbreak testing plan and have had no positive residents or coworkers from our Countryside unit. This is encouraging news.

This past week, we were visited by an inspector from the Department of Health who reviewed our infection control practices, observed and interviewed coworkers providing care, and reviewed resident records. The inspector found no deficient practices and was complimentary of our onsite team. We were also visited by representatives of Penn State Health Hershey Medical Center team, assigned as our regional COVID response health collaborative. They toured our Springfield unit, reviewed policies and procedures and provided technical assistance where needed.

Personal Care

This week, we tested all of our residents and I am pleased to report that all returned negative. Repeat testing of the positive nursing assistant from last Friday revealed negative test results. This finding leads us to believe this positive was likely a false positive; however, out of an abundance of caution, we are treating according to our outbreak policies and procedures. After 14 days without any new positives, we will begin the reopening process.

Independent Living

The positive housekeeper has developed symptoms and continues to quarantine at home. We have had no reports of residents or other coworkers in this setting who have tested positive or developed symptoms. We continue with our IL reopening plan as posted.

As you can see it has been a very busy week at our Martinsburg campus! Please know that our campus leadership team and coworkers are doing an incredible job managing this outbreak. This team is putting in long hours, working varied shifts, and picking up additional tasks in support and care of our residents and each other. Please continue praying for our return to COVID-free operations. We will keep you updated as we learn new information. Please continue praying for the health and safety of our campus residents, coworkers, and leadership team.

My best to you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Defibaugh".

Lisa Defibaugh
Executive Director