



October 11, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

I want to provide you with an update on COVID-19 activity at our Homewood at Martinsburg campus.

During our COVID-19 testing, we learned that two coworkers who work in our assisted lifestyles community and one coworker who works on our Countryside memory care neighborhood are positive for the virus. Through our contact tracing we were able to determine that all three cases are unrelated and from external exposures. All three coworkers are currently isolating at home.

The safety of our residents and coworkers continues to be our top priority. To reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, we are following the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

We maintain close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps, including:

- Implementing enhanced infection control precautions, such as wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) when we care for residents and more frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.
- Screening residents and staff for COVID-19 symptoms, as well as anyone else who must enter our facility.
- Testing coworkers and residents for the virus causing COVID-19 based on current protocols.

We know that this is concerning to everyone and we will provide you with regular updates about the situation on our website www.Homewoodmartinsburg.com and will promptly notify you if we identify any additional residents or coworkers with confirmed COVID-19.

I am including a brief overview of the current status for each level of care.

Independent Living

We currently have no reported COVID-19 cases in our independent living community.

Assisted Lifestyles

Two of our coworkers have tested positive due to outside exposures and are isolating at home. Contact tracing and testing were completed for affected coworkers and residents.

All residents may continue with normal activity and visitation.

Health Care Center

Countryside: We have one coworker who is isolating at home after testing positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing and testing were completed on residents and coworkers. We will conduct periodic testing and continue with close monitoring.

Springfield: There are no cases on our Springfield unit at this time.

I will update you with any changes and pray that you all stay safe.

Sincerely,

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

Lisa Defibaugh, Executive Director