



**A Continuing Care Retirement Community**

November 03, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

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

Yesterday I reported that we had identified a staff member from the Springfield unit of our healthcare center had tested positive for COVID-19. During our initial round of testing, we also identified a resident on the unit who is positive for the virus. This resident has no symptoms at this time and is being monitored closely. The residents and coworkers on this unit have been tested and no other signs of the virus have been detected.

Though this is concerning we are encouraged that most of our residents on this unit are fully vaccinated and many of them have also received a booster dose of the vaccine. We hope this additional layer of protection will limit any spread of the virus.

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 this situation on our website [www.Homewoodmartinsburg.com](http://www.Homewoodmartinsburg.com) and will promptly notify you if we identify any additional residents or coworkers with confirmed COVID-19.

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