



November 12, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

I share with you this update on COVID-19 activity at our Homewood at Martinsburg campus.

Today we identified an additional case of COVID-19 in a resident on the Countryside unit of our health care center. This resident had a known exposure and was being monitored with isolation precautions in place. We also have an additional coworker from our administrative offices that is now positive for the virus. Below is a quick update on all of the cases we are currently monitoring.

#### **Health Care Center**

##### ***Countryside Memory Care Unit***

Countryside halls two and three currently have two residents who are positive for COVID-19. They both have only mild symptoms at this time and are being cared for in a COVID care isolation room.

The two coworkers who tested positive for the virus last week are isolating at home and have only mild symptoms at this time.

##### ***Springfield Unit***

Springfield has one resident who tested positive for the virus last week and continues to receive care with isolation precautions in place. This residents had only mild symptoms and is recovering.

The coworker who is positive for the virus continues to isolate at home and will be cleared to return to work tomorrow.

##### ***Dietary Kitchen***

The coworker from our kitchen who became positive for the virus earlier this week, continues to isolate at home.

##### ***Administrative Offices***

We have two coworkers from our administrative offices that are positive for the virus and are 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 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