



December 23, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

I have the most recent updates related to COVID-19 activity at our Homewood at Martinsburg campus.

Homewood at Martinsburg has identified a new case of COVID in a coworker. This brings us to a total of 3 coworkers who are positive and isolating at home. Contact tracing has been completed and there were no resident exposures and only 2 coworker exposures. We will continue to monitor all residents and coworkers for any sign or symptoms of COVID and contact you directly if you or a family member have been exposed.

We continue to monitor conditions closely while our county transmission rate is high and will remain diligent. Be assured that we will contact you directly if your family member has an exposure, develops symptoms or requires testing for COVID.

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.

I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas!

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

Lisa Defibaugh, Executive Director