



Episcopal Retirement Services

November 13, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

The rise in COVID-19 cases across our local communities, cities, and states has been staggering over the last couple of weeks. These record-breaking numbers have triggered new CDC recommendations related to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

The CDC has shared, **“The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is to celebrate with people in your household.”** We implore our residents, families, and staff to take heed of this advice. We pray that this year of sacrifice by not spending the holidays together will lead to many more healthy years of celebrations to come. Many residents have asked if we are opening our dining rooms. **In light of the CDC guidelines, we have decided NOT to open the dining rooms. The dining staff will prepared a wonderful meal that will be delivered to the residents in our healthcare households. Independent residents may order a meal using our regular processes is desired.** Read the full list of CDC guidelines with the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/thanksgiving.html>

If independent living residents choose to leave the community to attend a holiday gathering with family or friends, they will be subject to a 14 day quarantine upon return to their apartment. For the safety and well-being of other residents and to reduce the potential risk of a community spread, staff assistance will not be available during a resident’s quarantine period and private duty may be required.

As of today for reporting, two direct care staff members working at Marjorie P. Lee have tested positive for COVID-19 and are self-quarantining at home. Berghamer and Romney households remain under quarantine at this time with dedicated staff. We will continue to conduct weekly tests of Berghamer and Romney residents along with all MPL staff.

In addition, we have an occurrence of respiratory symptoms at MPL. An occurrence is defined as three or more residents or staff with new-onset COVID-19 respiratory symptoms in 72 hours. There are no trends or interactions among the staff and residents having respiratory symptoms. All involved are quarantined, have been tested, and we are awaiting results.

We also have received positive test results for two private duty staff members at Deupree House. The private duty staff members are quarantining at home. Residents and staff with exposure have been tested, and residents with direct exposure are being quarantined. As a reminder, private duty and contracted staff are reported to our

residents and families, however, are not included in the cumulative chart based on reporting guidelines by the city and state.

The following is the cumulative reporting for our communities:

COVID-19 Reporting	Episcopal Church Home	Deupree House & Cottages	Marjorie Lee
Residents			
Current residents with confirmed COVID-19	0	0	0
Cumulative residents with confirmed COVID-19	4	0	7
Staff*			
Current staff with confirmed COVID-19	0	0	2
Cumulative staff with confirmed COVID-19	7	5	32
3 or more residents or staff with new-onset COVID-19 respiratory symptoms in a 72-hour period.			
Current occurrences	0	0	1
Cumulative occurrences	0	3	14

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As shared in previous letters, we continue to follow all CDC guidelines and mitigation practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or questions.

Sincerely,



Laura Lamb
President and CEO