



November 23, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

With a heavy heart, I share with you that we lost two residents at Episcopal Church Home over the weekend. Both residents were reported to you last week as having tested positive for COVID-19 and had been moved to our isolation area. Although one resident started as asymptomatic, both residents progressed to mild cold-like symptoms. However, their condition worsened quickly, and they passed away suddenly. This terrible disease is robbing us of our loved ones, and we are heartbroken.

The Reverend Lisa Tolliver will be offering a prayer service this week to our staff and minister to our residents' needs. Please join me in holding up the ECH family in prayer:

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and draw near to the family and caregivers who loved and cared for those who have passed away after having the coronavirus. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Early last week, we made several changes to our protocols, including adding a face shield to direct care workers' PPE, re-trained all staff on cleaning and proper hygiene, and consulted with the local health department. We will continue the rigorous testing schedule of two times per week.

Additionally, we have one direct care staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19 at Marjorie Lee. The staff member worked on the Berghamer Household. The staff member is quarantining at home, and the Berghamer Household remains under quarantine at this time.

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	5	0	7
Staff*			
Current staff with confirmed COVID-19	0	0	1

Cumulative staff with confirmed COVID-19	15	5	35
3 or more residents or staff with new-onset COVID-19 respiratory symptoms in a 72-hour period.			
Current occurrences	0	0	0
Cumulative occurrences	1	3	15

*Private duty and contracted staff are reported to our residents and families, however, are not included in the cumulative chart above based on reporting guidelines by the city and state.

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