



December 10, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

I have been eagerly following the news of the vaccine approval process over the last several days, as I'm sure many of you have been doing as well. I remain cautiously optimistic that the vaccine will be a game-changer for our residents and the staff that serve them, along with our broader communities and country as a whole. As we await the vaccine's final approval, ERS' Management Team continues to learn more about the vaccine itself and the upcoming vaccination process. In the coming days, we will be sharing more details with you as we have them. [I have included FAQs](#) from our insurance company, Caring Communities, that answers many questions you may have.

Routine surveillance testing of staff and residents continues in our CCRCs. For reporting today, ECH has received positive COVID-19 results for seven residents in the Clingman neighborhood and five staff members – two direct caregivers on Memory Care, one direct caregiver on Clingman, one direct caregiver in the COVID positive care unit, and one non-direct care administrative team member.

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	7	0	0
Cumulative residents with confirmed COVID-19	23	1	16
Staff*			
Current staff with confirmed COVID-19	5	0	0
Cumulative staff with confirmed COVID-19	34	8	46
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	7	3	18

*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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura R. Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a distinct "R" and "L" in the middle.

Laura Lamb
President and CEO