



January 1, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

At Episcopal Church Home, six residents on the Marmion Household tested positive for COVID-19. The residents are quarantining at this time on our COVID+ unit. A Dudley Square resident who has lived off-site for several months shared that they had been tested positive for COVID-19 as well.

I want to share our reporting process and why there is a delay in the results shown. Ohio and Kentucky have provided two types of tests: a rapid test and a laboratory test. We rotate the types of tests based on the states' guidelines along with supplies provided. When we complete a rapid test, we have results within 15 minutes. If we have a positive test with a rapid test, the current best practice is to do a laboratory type test to confirm. The lab test usually takes 48-72 hours to yield results. Because the rapid tests sometimes have a false positive effect, the laboratory tests are for confirmation. Once confirmation is received, we include positive results in the numbers reported. The benefit of the rapid tests is that we can initiate quarantining and reduce exposure a full three days earlier in some cases.

As I am sure you are aware from news reports, testing protocol and accuracy has changed over the last several months, and it is not a perfect system. At times, results are further delayed depending on the time when the lab picks up the sample. Occasionally we receive an indeterminable result, requiring another test to be done. These reasons, along with increased volume due to communities within Jefferson and Hamilton counties testing twice a week, sometimes delay the results.

In summary, we report positive lab tests no later than the day after received by 5:00 p.m. I can assure you that we report the results as soon as possible.

The following is the cumulative reporting for our CCRCs since March 2020:

COVID-19 Reporting	Episcopal Church Home	Deupree House & Cottages	Marjorie Lee
Residents			
Current residents with confirmed COVID-19	6	0	0
Cumulative residents with confirmed COVID-19	36	2	22

Staff*			
Current staff with confirmed COVID-19	0	0	0
Cumulative staff with confirmed COVID-19	51	14	56
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	10	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,



Laura Lamb
President and CEO