

February 25, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

With a heavy heart, I share with you that a staff member who works at the Episcopal Church Home previously reported as having COVID-19 has passed away. Please keep the staff member's family close in prayer. I also ask you to pray for the staff at ECH. Losing a co-worker to this terrible virus leaves a hole in our hearts.

Unfortunately, a direct care staff member at Marjorie P. Lee who works on the Morris Household has tested positive for COVID-19. **We will need to postpone visits for Residential Living, Morris, Luther, and Kirby Households for 14 days because of the positive test.** We sought counsel from the state about hosting indoor visits. We are going to continue with our planned indoor visits for our skilled nursing residents.

I have heard from many residents and families questioning why we can't lift restrictions for residents who have been vaccinated. They hear news reports saying that it is safe for vaccinated people to get together with masks and social distancing, yet it doesn't apply to them. Why? Unfortunately, the news reports are speaking about the general community. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently changed the quarantine guidelines after exposure, for example. However, there is an exclusion for "residents" of congregate living and nursing communities. Additionally, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has reiterated with senior living providers that they have not changed their guidelines for vaccinated persons at this time. I am very frustrated with the situation. I have been lobbying for a change in the guidelines at a state and national level. Like you, I believe vaccinated persons should have expanded liberties. I am told that both Kentucky and Ohio are working on revised guidelines that will be released "soon." I commit to being a voice for updating policies and will share information as soon as I have it.

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	0	0	0
Cumulative residents with confirmed COVID-19	43	4	24
Staff*			
Current staff with confirmed COVID-19	0	0	1
Cumulative staff with confirmed COVID-19	58	21	64
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	4	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 Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Lamb
President and CEO