



January 2, 2022

Dear Residents and Families,

I would like to thank those of you who have reached out and thanked our team for our new mitigation guidelines issued due to the surge in cases in both Cincinnati and Louisville. Our guidelines are put in place to protect our residents and staff, as best as we can, from this new, highly contagious variant of COVID-19. Some folks have suggested that wearing masks is unnecessary and our guidelines are too restrictive. As a senior services organization serving the most vulnerable population to the virus, I respectfully disagree. I acknowledge and understand if people are living in the broader community, they may make different choices. In a congregate living community, however, what individuals do can impact others and have serious consequences. Residents who are independent and in good health may think "I will be fine if I get the virus." But living in community comes with a greater impact on others. That same person can impact their neighbors unknowingly who have underlying health issues that make getting the virus a very serious health situation.

Because of our experience over the last two weeks at all three of our retirement communities, we will be testing residents weekly for COVID-19 in all levels of care at MPL, DH, and ECH in the month of January. Surveillance testing will give us the information we need to determine who has the virus, since many positive cases have been asymptomatic. As we know, asymptomatic people are unknowingly spreading the virus when interacting with others. The administrators will be sharing the weekly testing schedule with their communities over the next few days.

Lastly, to the points made above about people being asymptomatic and others being vulnerable, I encourage everyone to limit visits to residents over the next two weeks, if possible, particularly if you have been out of town, in large groups, or have any respiratory symptoms.

For today's reporting we have several cases to share.

At Episcopal Church Home, we are experiencing a dramatic uptick of symptoms and suspected cases. One resident at Dudley Square has been confirmed positive for COVID-19, with other tests still pending. The resident is quarantining at this time. We also have an occurrence of symptoms at Dudley Square. An occurrence is when three or more residents or staff have with new-onset COVID-19 respiratory symptoms in a 72-hour period.

At Marjorie Lee, will have five private duties (Amstein, Romney, Kirby, Morris, and Amstein), one non-direct care staff, and one direct care staff working in residential living who have tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, the staff members are quarantined.

At Deupree House, we have one non-direct care staff member, two private duties, and one resident who have tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, the resident and staff members are quarantined. We also have an occurrence of symptoms at Deupree.

Lastly, we have one ERS support services staff who tested positive for COVID-19 and is quarantining at home.

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	1	1	0
Cumulative residents with confirmed COVID-19	44	9	28
Staff*			
Current staff with confirmed COVID- 19	0	1	2
Cumulative staff with confirmed COVID- 19	62	30	88
3 or more residents or staff with new-onset COVID-19 respiratory symptoms in a 72-hour period			
Current occurrences	1	1	0
Cumulative occurrences	12	8	26

*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.

Please let me know if you have suggestions and questions.

Sincerely,



Laura Lamb
President & CEO