

November 10, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

Just when we get familiar with a process, it changes!

The State of Ohio has changed how they are moving forward with mandatory testing. Effective this week, we are required to alternate between two types of testing. One week we will have a "regular" PCR test we have used for several months. On the alternate week , we will be getting a rapid swab or antigen test. Beginning today, MPL is having rapid tests. Next week we will start at DH. The State is using Abbott Industries for rapid tests. This manufacturer has a 97% accuracy rating. If a staff member tests positive on the rapid test, they will immediately be tested with the PCR test and be quarantined until the PCR results are back. Although 97% is a very high accuracy rate, we will continue to log only the PCR tests in the table below. If the PCR is positive, we will share that information in the next letter and update the chart.

Today, we had two staff members at MPL with a positive rapid test. As outlined above, they have been retested with the PCR, and we are awaiting results. Out of an abundance of caution, the Romney and Berghamer Households are quarantined pending the results.

We have a positive COVID-19 test for a private duty staff member who works at Deupree House. The staff member is quarantined. The residents that the staff member worked with have been tested and are quarantined.

Lastly, I must share that we had a computer glitch on our end, and the chart I shared yesterday was not updated for the letters since last Thursday. We have resolved the issue, and I have corrected the chart below. I apologize for the error.

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	0	0	7
Staff*			
Current staff with confirmed COVID-19	0	0	0
Cumulative staff with confirmed COVID-19	7	5	30

The following is the cumulative reporting for our communities:

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	0	3	13

*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,

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