

November 26, 2022

Dear Villagers, Team members, Family members and Friends;

In the past 48 hours we received notification that two (2) of our team members have tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals are recovering at home and will return following CDC guidelines for healthcare personnel. The last worked date for these individuals was November 23, 2022 and they have been off work based on symptom development. We wish our coworkers well in their recovery.

We were also notified this morning that two (2) of our Villagers have tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals have been placed on enhanced precautions per CDC guidelines and are being clinically monitored as needed. Please note that due to the higher than usual level of respiratory illness in this area we have placed Heritage 1, The Manor on respiratory quarantine, with an expected end date of December 4, 2022.

Public Health has been updated. We will continue with testing team members and villagers, per CDC guidelines. As always, you will be notified if there are any new identified cases of COVID-19 in team members or villagers.

As previously shared, testing methodology is now based on contact tracing versus surveillance testing. As a result, the individuals deemed to have been in close contacts with these individuals will be tested in accordance with the new recommendations. Contact tracing tests were started yesterday and will continue through December 2, 2022.

We remain in outbreak status, visitation for Heritage 1, The Manor is affected. Visitation for these individuals should be limited. However, those needing to visit will need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), which will be provided for you. We encourage all visitors to follow guidelines of safe practice during their visit.

Per CMS requirements, we will continue to notify you in the event that new COVID-19 cases are identified at Brewster Village. Brewster Village team members remain diligent in infection control measures, including utilizing universal source control (masks), additional personal protective equipment when necessary, enhanced cleaning, and maintaining a high level of diligence for monitoring for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. I continue to applaud their efforts in keeping the villagers and themselves safe.

Sincerely,

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