

December 24, 2022

Dear Villagers, Team members, Family members and Friends;

In the past 48 hours we received notification that one of our team members has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is recovering at home and will return following CDC guidelines for healthcare personnel. The last worked date for this individual was December 23, 2022 and they have been off work based on symptom development. This positive result does require us to complete contact trace testing for a few villagers and team members who were identified as having substantial contact with them. We wish our coworker well in their recovery.

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 testing will run through December 30, 2022. In addition to this testing we continue with broad based testing weekly of staff until we are positive free for 14 days.

We remain in outbreak status; however, visitation has not been impacted. 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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