

October 20, 2023,

Dear Villagers, Team members, Family members and Friends;

Over the course of this past week we have identified ten (10) staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. They are recuperating at home and we wish them well. We have also identified eleven (11) Villagers that have tested positive for COVID-19. The Villagers are recovering as expected in their households. These positive cases were identified through a combination of contact trace testing and presenting symptoms. Contact trace testing will continue through October 24, 2023.

Public Health has been updated. They have reviewed our case load and the measures we have in place to mitigate risks. They will alert us if they feel we need further steps to mitigate risks.

These positive cases do not affect current visitation practices. If visitors wish to wear a mask when visiting they will be available at the front desk. We continue to encourage all visitors to follow guidelines of safe practice during their visit.

We are considered to be in outbreak status. Outbreak status is measured as one (1) or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 (among staff or Villagers). We will continue with testing team members and villagers, as needed, per CDC guidelines. As previously shared, testing methodology is now based on contact tracing versus surveillance testing. As always, you will be notified if there are any new identified cases of COVID-19 that affect care to the Villagers. A letter will be sent weekly while we are considered in outbreak (affecting villagers).

Brewster Village team members remain diligent in infection control measures and for monitoring for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. I continue to applaud their efforts in keeping the villagers and themselves safe.

Sincerely,

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