

November 22, 2023,

Dear Villagers, Team members, Family members and Friends;

Over the course of this past week we have identified two (2) staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. One of the staff members was able to identify villagers that they did have significant contact with. We will follow CDC guidance as to testing. The staff members are both recuperating at home and we wish them well. We are again considered to be in outbreak status.

We have updated Public Health of these cases and will request their assistance as needed.

We will continue to work with Public Health to assure the best possible care is provided to mitigate the risks to our Villagers and staff.

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 you/your Villagers. A letter will be sent weekly while we are considered in outbreak (if affecting villagers).

We continue to encourage all visitors to follow guidelines of safe respiratory practice during their visit. This includes but is not limited to: deferring a visit if you feel unwell, washing/sanitizing your hands regularly, following good cough etiquette practices and keeping your vaccinations up to date.

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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