

November 3, 2023,

Dear Villagers, Team members, Family members and Friends;

Over the course of this past week we have identified one (1) additional staff member who tested positive for COVID-19. This case did not impact our villagers care as the staff member had not been in the building during their contagious period. They are recuperating at home and we wish them well. We have had no additional Villagers testing positive for COVID-19. Today is the last day of our outbreak status. Public health will continue to follow this outbreak through 11/7/23.

Public Health has been following us through this outbreak and have been pleased with our efforts to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID -19.

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.

A special "Thank You" to all of you, for your patience and your cooperation with infection prevention measures during the past few weeks. It really does take a Village to care for each other.

Sincerely,

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