

December 15, 2023

Dear Villagers, Team members, Family members and Friends;

Since December 8, 2023 we have identified 18 Villagers and 16 staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. All of the affected Villagers are recuperating in their apartments and our staff members are recuperating at home. We wish them well. We are 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 of working towards keeping the villagers and themselves safe.

Sincerely,

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