

Date: September 24, 2020

To: Orchard Woods Health Center Residents & Representatives

From: Associate Administrator, Missy Sellers

Subject: Positive COVID-19 Team Member



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Through required testing at Orchard Woods Health Center this week, one team member was found to be positive for COVID-19. Per guidelines, the team member is at home on quarantine for 10 days. All resident tests were sent out to our lab service provider on September 24, and we anticipate receiving those results early next week. The testing method for residents has a higher accuracy rate than the rapid testing machine used for team members.

Routine COVID-19 universal testing for residents and team members is based on the county positivity rate. Frederick County recently crossed the threshold for required weekly testing with a county-wide positivity rate of five percent. To remain compliant, Orchard Woods conducted COVID-19 testing on September 22-23 of this week. The new COVID-19 rapid testing machine provided to us through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services was used for all staff testing. Using this point-of-care testing, we obtained results within 20 minutes of each test administered.

After consulting The Virginia Department of Health guidelines, we can continue with our Path Forward which includes communal dining, group activities and outdoor family visits. If we had a positive resident, we would need to return to an earlier phase of activity.

Last week, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provided global guidance to nursing homes regarding indoor visitation. Currently, Orchard Woods Health Center is working on a process to implement indoor visitation in Phase 2 B of our Path Forward. More information is forthcoming to explain how these visits will be implemented. Until then, Gretchen and Molly, ConnectedLiving coordinators, will continue to schedule outdoor visits through Sign Up Genius.

We remain grateful for your patience, confidence, trust and understanding as we navigate these ever-changing times.

**MEMORANDUM**