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To: All Residents and Team Members

From: Melissa Fortner, Executive Director

Subject: Orchard Ridge COVID-19 Update



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Over the past 24 hours, we have learned that three IL residents have tested positive for COVID-19, with three additional residents in self-quarantine due to exposure to the virus. Following the published Orchard Ridge isolation and quarantine precautions, these residents are self-isolating in their homes, with meal and mail delivery services provided by the community. Contact tracing was completed in each situation, and we believe these positive cases to be unrelated. Based on findings, no team members or additional residents will be required to self-quarantine due to exposure to the virus.

As with previous situations surrounding COVID-19, we are not able to share names or locations of the residences affected. We do hope that you will join us in prayers for a strong recovery for those impacted. We are grateful that they recognized their symptoms and took immediate steps to be tested. Their actions exemplify the “Love Your Neighbor” pledge.

The Winchester/Frederick County area continues to increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases. As shared during last week’s Town Hall, the local positivity rate was around 6%; as of today, the positivity rate is around 11%. Last Friday, Governor Northam announced restrictions on the sizes of gatherings, mask wearing and limitations on restaurant hours. Although, Orchard Ridge is already adhering to those guidelines within our community, we do strongly encourage you to follow those guidelines in the greater community as well.

As an immediate added precaution, our team members will transition to surgical masks and eye protection for the foreseeable future. For now, residents can continue to wear cloth masks, and we will communicate any changes as necessary.

We encourage all residents and team members to remain vigilant in taking all precautions to protect against COVID-19. Please be reminded that everyone must continue to practice the 3W’s: wash hands, wear masks and watch your distance (at least 6 feet). Additionally, recognizing that Thanksgiving is next week, we are asking you for extreme diligence in ensuring that visitors are aware of our safety precautions.

At this time, we are not expecting any changes to our current protocols or programming opportunities for residents. However, we will always prioritize the health and well-being of residents and team members as our number one priority. If adjustments are needed, we will communicate as quickly as possible. Many thoughtful hours of consideration continue to guide our actions as we make decisions focused on safety, caution, data and efficiency.

# MEMORANDUM