

Date: May 17, 2021

To: IL Residents & Family Members, Team Members

From: Executive Director John Loop

Subject: Positive COVID case on campus



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Friday, May 14, we learned that an Independent Living resident at The Village at Orchard Ridge tested positive for COVID-19 at the office of their primary care physician. Resident safety and well-being are our top priority. We remain in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps and we are following all guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

To protect this resident's privacy, we are not able to share their name or location of residence. We can share that this resident, following Orchard Ridge protocols for Independent Living residents, has been in isolation since Friday and will continue with isolation measures, following protocols from Orchard Ridge and the resident's primary care physician. Our prayers are with this resident for a strong recovery.

Additionally, through contact tracing none of our team members or residents had direct exposure with this resident. Self-quarantining for residents or team members in the community is not required or necessary. The Village at Orchard Ridge will continue to follow all current protocols.

We continue to encourage residents and team members to follow state orders, CDC guidelines and the protocols in place at Orchard Ridge. Though many are vaccinated from COVID-19 it is important to communicate with Social Services Director Sheila Blaner if you test positive for the virus. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 we ask that you self-isolate and not engage with the general population until you have a confirmed negative test.

Though a majority of residents have received the COVID-19 vaccine, we must all remain vigilant in our efforts to prevent the spread of the virus within this community.

Continue to take precautions in public places, until we know more, like wearing a mask, staying six feet apart from others, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and washing your hands often.

We remain grateful for your patience, support, and observance of all efforts that are helping us minimize exposure at Orchard Ridge.

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