

Date: August 18, 2021

To: Independent Living Residents

From: Executive Director John Loop

Subject: COVID-positive Resident



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While we hoped that we would continue our summer stretch of having no positive COVID-19 residents, we have learned that one Independent Living resident tested positive for the virus earlier today. This resident is fully vaccinated. To protect this resident's privacy, we cannot share their name or location of residence.

Following Orchard Ridge protocols for Independent Living residents, we can share that this resident has been in isolation since this afternoon and will continue with isolation measures, following protocols from Orchard Ridge and the resident's primary care physician. Contact tracing is ongoing, reaching out to those who have been in **close contact** with the COVID-positive resident.

Close contact means:

- Being within six feet of a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, or
- Having direct exposure to respiratory secretions (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing a drinking glass or utensils, kissing), or
- Caring for a person who has COVID-19, or
- Living with a person who has COVID-19

Our prayers are with this resident for a strong recovery.

We continue to follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines as we manage the impact of COVID-19 in our community. According to CDC guidance published on July 29, 2021, anyone who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and who meets the following criteria does **NOT need to quarantine**:

- Someone who has been fully vaccinated and shows no symptoms of COVID-19. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested three to five days after exposure, even if they do not have symptoms. In addition, they should wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
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- Someone who has had COVID-19 within the previous three months has recovered and remains without COVID-19 symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath.)

Because Orchard Ridge is a large community with a congregate setting and a large population that is most at risk from COVID-19, **you must quarantine if you live in the same household or care for someone with COVID-19** for 10 days even if you are fully vaccinated.

Fully vaccinated people with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. Though most 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 like wearing a mask, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and washing your hands often.

In addition to being uploaded on Touchtown Community Apps, this memo will also be available on the Orchard Ridge website, and printed copies will be on the Resource Table in the Village Center.

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