



THE BETHANIA GROUP

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Update #3: COVID Outbreak BETHANIA MPCH

Dear Residents and Families:

At present, there have been a total of 17 positive cases of COVID 19. This week there have been 5 new cases detected, and we are awaiting tests on 5 other residents who are symptomatic. Until test results are received, they must remain in isolation. Following isolation and recovery time protocol 5 residents who were positive and another 5 residents who have received negative tests are now out of isolation. All wings have had at least one resident test positive.

We have removed 700 wing from full isolation status however 200 wing and 400 wing are in isolation due to the number of positive cases. Residents on these wings will receive their meals on the unit or in their rooms and cannot leave the wing unless family would like to take them to an outdoor area as weather permits. We ask that those residents wear a mask while being transported through the building to the outside.

Again, people visiting their resident on isolation must use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other prevention measures while visiting their loved one in the room. Please see a nurse for directions on how to put on and remove the PPE. We also highly recommend that all visitors use a mask when on site and sanitize their hands before and after visiting. Further, we ask all visitors to not visit if feeling ill.

These rapidly spreading cases also reinforce the importance of staying up to date with COVID, Influenza and - if high risk - RSV vaccinations, as these viruses continue to circulate in the community.

Due to this outbreak, we have made the very difficult decision to cancel the Dankfest event scheduled for October 19. With the number of potential positive cases increasing, we cannot predict when the facility will be declared finished with the outbreak, after the last case is resolved. Further, while resident COVID vaccinations will begin next week, there is a period of 10-14 days before the vaccine becomes fully effective. And finally, a large gathering of 200 or more visitors presents a high risk of spreading COVID among residents and staff who are not yet protected by vaccine, who have chosen not to be immunized or who are unable to be vaccinated post COVID infection. Visitor to visitor transmission is also a serious concern.

Please keep our Residents and Staff in your thoughts and prayers.

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