



ST. JOSEPH'S SENIOR HOME

ASSISTED LIVING - NURSING CENTER

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To Our Residents' Family Members:

This week, one non-direct care staff tested positive for COVID-19. That staff member has not been at work since December 23rd and is quarantining at home. One resident tested positive for COVID-19 with the rapid antigen test. The resident is in isolation and considered a "person under investigation". This resident, all other residents, and all staff were tested with PCR tests, and we are awaiting the results. We are following all state guidelines and protocols. Residents will continue to be monitored for signs and symptoms daily, and unvaccinated staff are tested twice weekly and according to county infection rates and NJ guidelines for the virus.

As you may be aware, the State of New Jersey is at "severe risk" for people contracting the COVID-19 virus. The state has a positivity rate of 20-24.9% and Middlesex County's positivity rate is 22.38%. (The positivity rate is the percentage of all coronavirus tests performed that are actually positive.) These percentages are very high and translates into a very high rate of transmission. St. Joseph's is asking family and friends NOT to visit with the exception of End-of Life and Compassionate Care visits. We cannot enforce a "no visitation" policy as we must follow the Department of Health's Executive Directive to allow visitation. But we also need to keep our residents safe. We expect this 'surge' of new infections to continue into the middle weeks of January.

If you do visit your loved one, you must follow the **Core Principles** of COVID-19 infection prevention. Please wear mask that cover nose and mouth during the entire visit and use hand sanitizer at the desk when signing in. Hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the facility. The Core Principles are attached to this letter. The visiting hours will be open from 9am to 5pm daily. We will be screening all visitors prior to the visit starting. If any visitors are feeling sick or have symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that they visit another time when they are feeling better. We are sure that you are already aware of this surge in COVID-19 infections, but our top priority at St. Joseph's is your loved one's safety.

Wishing you a happy, healthy New Year from your St. Joseph's family! We are thankful for this past year and looking forward to what 2022 has to offer.

We will continue to provide you with the most updated information as it is available to us. Please call our center at 732-750-0077 with any questions or concerns about your loved one. We remain united in prayer.

Blessings,

Sr. Elzbieta Lopatka

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