



Jan 24th, 2023

Dear Residents/Families/Responsible parties,

We have a new positive worker to report; this person last worked Sunday then noted symptoms on Monday and subsequently tested positive. We had completed testing from last week's exposures, but did not find additional staff or residents as a consequence. We will begin exposure testing once more with any impacted residents and staff. Public Health and DHHS are aware. We will continue to update you with any other positive cases.

We continue to encourage you to wear your mask throughout your visit and avoid eating with your loved one. Public Health will consider us in 'outbreak' until we have 2 weeks without any new resident or staff testing positive. Experiences from other facilities suggest that it could take some time to come out of an outbreak.

Please call and alert us about COVID-19 signs/symptoms and/or a positive test within a few days of a visit. Always avoid visiting with any illness even if it's not COVID. Inform us if you have taken a resident off campus and have learned of exposures to any of the circulating viruses. We appreciate everyone's help to minimize the impact illness has on our residents and staff.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Kindopp
Maplewood Nursing Home Administrator



Jan 18th, 2023

Dear Residents/Families/Responsible parties,

We have discovered 2 residents who have tested positive for COVID on our second floor unit. We have also learned of another staff member who works on our 4th floor unit who has also tested positive. We continue to test all impacted residents and staff. Public Health and DHHS are aware of these updates. We will continue to update you with any other positive cases.

We understand the current dominant variant of this virus is very contagious; we will work to balance protective responses with as much normalization as we can offer the residents. Please choose to wear masks at all times during your visit; I would suggest avoiding eating with your loved ones until we can have 2 weeks without any positive cases just to be safe. Experiences from other facilities suggest that it could take some time to come out of an outbreak. Most reports from other care facilities continue to note mild cases in residents who are up to date with vaccinations.

The current trend being reported is that one can shed the virus up to 2 days before symptoms or a positive test, and that the incubation period is between 3 and 4 days. If you have had any exposures, please avoid visiting for at least 10 days. A reminder about testing; we follow the latest CDC testing time frames for multiple tests and one can always test negative more than once before the test picks up a positive case. This is why avoiding visiting after exposure, and anytime you have symptoms is so important to help prevent more spread of this virus into our community.

Please call and alert us about COVID-19 signs/symptoms and/or a positive test within a few days of a visit. Always avoid visiting with any illness even if it's not COVID. Inform us if you have taken a resident off campus and have learned of exposures to any of the circulating viruses. We appreciate everyone's help to minimize the impact illness has on our residents and staff.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Kindopp
Maplewood Nursing Home Administrator



Jan 16th, 2023

Dear Residents/Families/Responsible parties,

We have a direct care staff member who worked Friday, noted symptoms Saturday and tested positive yesterday (Sunday). We have identified all impacted residents and staff and have begun testing. We will update Public Health and DHHS. We will continue to update you with any other positive cases.

Please be mindful of any symptoms before you choose to visit; the latest symptoms can be very mild such as just a runny nose or a tickle in your throat initially. Please avoid a visit even with just a small symptom because the latest variant is very contagious (it is said not to be as severe particularly for those who are up to date with vaccinations).

We still encourage you to choose masking while in public in the days prior to your visit to long term care. Prevention is our first choice always, but despite risk mitigation steps, breakthrough infections are always possible. The COVID virus continues to challenge everyone. We still know that we can transmit this virus before symptoms develop. We also know the rapid tests are not always accurate, which is why the protocol we use is repeat testing per CDC and CMS recommendations.

Please call and alert us about COVID-19 signs/symptoms and/or a positive test within a few days of a visit. Always avoid visiting with any illness even if it's not COVID. Inform us if you have taken a resident off campus and have learned of exposures to any of these circulating viruses. We appreciate everyone's help to minimize the impact illness has on our residents and staff.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Kindopp
Maplewood Nursing Home Administrator



Jan 5th, 2023

Dear Residents/Families/Responsible parties,

We have a non-direct care staff member who worked yesterday, noted symptoms after work and tested positive for COVID last evening. We are working to identify any residents impacted as well as staff for testing. We continue to update Public Health and DHHS. We will continue to update you with any other positive cases.

We really appreciate your partnership with us and your alerts to us when you have also tested positive within a couple of days of a visit here at Maplewood so that we can do more focused monitoring of impacted resident(s). We know after the recent holidays to expect a spike in cases and we want to do as much as possible to balance prevention of illness and outbreaks with the absolute importance of visiting and routines we had considered 'normal' just a few years ago.

We encourage you to choose masking while in public in the days prior to your visit to long term care. Prevention is our first choice always, but despite risk mitigation steps, breakthrough infections are always possible. The COVID virus continues to challenge everyone. We still know that we can transmit this virus before symptoms develop. We also know the rapid tests are not always accurate, which is why the protocol we use is to repeat testing several times as per CDC and CMS recommendations.

Please call and alert us about COVID-19 signs/symptoms and/or a positive test within a few days of a visit. The Flu and RSV continue to circulate though the CDC reports that this has been decreasing just prior to the recent holidays. Always avoid visiting with any illness even if it's not COVID. Inform us if you have taken a resident off campus and have learned of exposures to any of these circulating viruses. We appreciate everyone's help to minimize the impact illness has on our residents and staff.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Kindopp
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