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# MEMO

## COVID-19 Updates:

The Leadership team became aware on late afternoon Monday, December 27, 2021, of another staff member that has tested positive for COVID-19. **This brings a total of four (4) current COVID-19 positive cases within the community – one (1) resident in Independent Living and three (3) staff.**

Here is what we know:

- A Health Center employee tested positive for COVID-19.
- Contact tracing has been conducted and Health Center residents, staff, and other employees associated with the Health Center have been immediately tested to determine the extent of exposure. We are pleased to report all tests came back negative.
- The Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) have been notified of our status.
- Due to the current outbreak status in Health Center, we are required to wait for updated guidance from DOH regarding Health Center visitation. Visitation for Health Center families will be assessed on a case-by-case scenario until further guidance is provided.
  - Health Center's outbreak will end on January 23rd, 2022. The Health Center is also awaiting DOH guidance concerning the quarantine period.
- The Independent Living Resident who tested positive last week will be out of quarantine this Thursday, December 30, 2021, contingent upon being asymptomatic.
- Please respect the privacy of those involved by observing all HIPAA guidelines. HIPAA guidelines are national standards in place for protecting the confidentiality and integrity of individual health information.

With the continued rise in the King County Rates of Infection (311.92 per 100,000 people as of 12/18/21), the Leadership team is meeting to discuss the implications of our outbreak status and high infection rates. Our continued goal is keeping the health and safety of residents, staff, and the community at the forefront of our continued strategy as we navigate this pandemic. We will update you with any further information.

**We strongly encourage everyone to utilize this Thursday's on-site testing.** We were notified by Discover Labs that two medics will be on site. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding if this number may be reduced or times may be adjusted due to inclement weather. We will keep you updated if anything changes.

Sincerely,

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