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STAFF MEMORANDUM

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TO: STAFF OF THE MOUNT  
FROM: LINDSAY DICKIESON, ADMINISTRATOR  
SUBJECT: CONFIRMED COVID OUTBREAK MEMO  
DATE: JUNE 30, 2022

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We have 2 confirmed positive cases of Covid-19. This means we are in a CONFIRMED outbreak in the Orchard View Neighborhood only. Close contacts have been indentified and are on isolation. Different areas of The Mount are affected differently; please read carefully:

**STAFF:**

PPE for staff (Personal Protective Equipment):

Staff will now wear 2 blue medical masks or an N95 mask and a face shield or goggles or eye protection glasses for the duration of the shift. These can be found by your sign-in areas.

Testing:

You must once again do a rapid test prior to every shift. You can do this at home before you come to work. Please take some test kits home. *If you have had Covid-19 in the past 90 days, you do not need to perform the rapid test.*

Resident Status:

Please notify your supervisor immediately if any of your residents are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or are different from their baseline in any way. Residents who have symptoms of COVID-19 need to be placed on contact droplet precautions immediately and tested.

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**Partners-In-Care / Visitors:**

Residents are allowed 3 PICs and only these 3 designated PICs are allowed to visit at this time. PICs will wear 2 masks and a face shield. PICs will perform a rapid test prior to their visit, either at home or once they arrive.

Other visitors are not allowed at this time.

The front door is now locked for PICs/visitors, so PICs/visitors will use the phone in the vestibule to call the front office to be let in.

**Info provided on the resident and family memo (important for staff to know):**

Residents on Contact-Droplet Precautions (any area): Must stay in their room.

**1<sup>st</sup> floor: Community Care**

- **Two positive cases of Covid-19 – contained to Orchard View Neighborhood.**

**Residents in Orchard View Neighborhood in Community Care (who are not on contact-droplet precautions):**

- Stay on the neighborhood except for meals (may leave their room)
- Meals are in the main dining room at a designated time for their neighborhood only
- Will have activities designated for their neighborhood (this may include outdoor activities with just this neighborhood)
- Will follow Outings Guidance (see below)

**Sherwood Forest and Precious Blood Neighborhoods:**

- Residents who are not on contact-droplet precautions can go to dining room, eat at their regular tables.
- Follow Outings Guidance below.
- Can go outdoors for a walk.
- Precious Blood residents: it is strongly recommended to wear a mask when walking through Orchard View Neighborhood.

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2<sup>nd</sup> floor: Nursing Care – all neighborhoods:

- Residents who are not on contact-droplet precautions can go to their regular dining room (including to the lower level dining room).
- Follow Outings Guidance below.
- Can go outdoors for a walk.
- Cannot go to Orchard View Neighborhood.

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor: Sisters of St. Martha:

- Residents who are not on contact-droplet precautions can go to dining room, eat at their regular tables.
- Follow Outings Guidance below.
- Can go outdoors for a walk.
- Cannot go to Orchard View Neighborhood.

Outings:

Residents who are not confirmed COVID-19, suspected COVID-19 or identified as a close contact may go for a drive and leave the property with a partner in care.

The PIC needs to maintain mask use and the resident should also don a mask. The resident may disembark from the vehicle to the PIC's private property only. The resident must only have contact with their PIC while on pass.

Residents should not visit other LTC, Community Care or Healthcare sites such as a hospital, unless it is for compassionate visitation.

Residents who are not confirmed COVID-19, suspected COVID-19 or identified as a close contact can attend medical and/or essential appointments, and they should advise the provider their home is experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19.

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Other visitors are not allowed at this time.

The front door is now locked, please use the phone in the vestibule to call the front office to be let in.

#### Personal Protective Equipment:

Partners in Care must wear 2 blue masks (provided by us) or their own N95 mask (not provided by us). PICs must also wear a face shield. Remember to peel off the 2 protective films on the face shield!

Residents are welcome to wear a mask outside their room if they wish to, but it is not required at this time.

#### Vaccination and Boosters:

All residents who were eligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Covid-19 booster shot (4<sup>th</sup> dose of the Covid-19 vaccination) have received it. There are less than 5 residents who have not received it because they are not yet eligible.

#### Paxlovid / Anti-viral medication:

Any resident who tests positive for Covid-19 is given the option to have the anti-viral medications. We work with the pharmacy and physicians to determine if a resident is eligible. There is no cost for the medication.

#### How long will this outbreak last?

Unfortunately we don't know yet. What we do know is that residents identified as close contacts will have to be on contact-droplet precautions and isolation for 4 days, and

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residents who have tested positive for Covid-19 are on contact-droplet precautions and isolation for 10 days.

Can I take my family member home with me during the outbreak?

Yes, your family member (the resident) may go to your home for the duration of the outbreak.

What is the different between isolation and contact-droplet precautions?

Isolation is when residents have to stay in their room, but do not have any symptoms of Covid-19 and have not been identified as a close contact. The resident will not have any PPE outside their room, and staff or PICs do not need to wear a gown / gloves when going in the room.

Residents on contact-droplet precautions are on isolation and are either a close contact of a Covid-19 case or have Covid-19 or have symptoms of Covid-19. Residents on contact-droplet precautions will have signage and personal protective equipment (PPE) cart outside their room with gowns, gloves, extra shields and masks, and disinfecting wipes. Staff and PICs must follow the directions for putting on (donning) and taking off (doffing) PPE.

Thank you,



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