



COVID-19 Update – NO New Cases & Proactive Planning May 15, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

I am happy to announce that we have had another week with no positive COVID-19 cases at Oak Hill and Magnolia Terrace. The time frame has passed for possible infection from the three staff that previously tested positive.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has notified Illinois nursing homes of their commitment to testing our residents and staff. The purpose of this testing is to identify undetected cases and swiftly implement mitigation strategies to decrease the potential spread. At this time, IDPH is prioritizing facilities and we will be notified when our home will be tested. We have been told that a support team of 5 nurses will come onsite to collect specimens and train our staff to collect specimens. This team will also conduct an infection control assessment and make observations. There are 10 of these teams in Illinois.

Any positive or suspected case is now being reported to the CDC as well as IDPH and the local health department. We continue to monitor staff each day before their shift. Twenty-seven of our staff have been tested for various reasons and only three were positive. Resident vital signs and oxygen saturation levels are tested three times a day. There are currently no residents displaying symptoms of the virus.

We will not be sending a notification to families each week after this notification. You can find the information posted on our website at oakhillmonroecounty.com. An update will be posted at least weekly, usually on Fridays. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Tammy Moll for Arbor Court, Julia Olszewski for Whispering Pines or Sue Luttmann for Magnolia Terrace and we will arrange for you to get a copy of the ongoing notifications. Of course families will be notified immediately if their loved one is suspected of having COVID-19.

If you would like to get in touch with your loved one, here is the link! Sign up on the website listed below. If you need to get in touch outside of the provided hours please call (618)939-3488.

Arbor Court: <https://calendly.com/kgard/connecting-to-loved-ones?fbclid=IwAR0yW9KA7cJP5QqLXBS03SJuzEk-e4SvYziVNLhfm-NvJlXeTQxqZU-k4g&month=2020-05>
Magnolia Terrace: <https://calendly.com/rmayoakhillmonroecounty/magnolia-terrace?month=2020-05>
Whispering Pines: <https://calendly.com/srkfunk/whisperingpinesvisits?month=2020-05>
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Sincerely,

Kim Keckritz
Administrator