



COVID-19 Update – Still NO New Cases May 29, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

Another week without any positive cases of COVID-19 at Oak Hill! There are currently no residents displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

This week, we were visited by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). They came to complete an infection control survey in order to determine our compliance with infection control standards during this pandemic. We passed with flying colors and the inspectors had no concerns with our practices.

We also were notified this week by IDPH of a new emergency rule mandating COVID-19 testing for all residents and staff at Oak Hill. The Infection Control team at Oak Hill had already started developing a plan for testing. We are working with the local health department to obtain the testing kits.

IDPH stated in their announcement that “testing residents and health care staff is important to keep COVID-19 out of facilities if the virus is not there, detect cases quickly –especially among individuals who are asymptomatic, and stop transmission”. This is our first step toward relaxing the restrictions in place at Oak Hill.

This new IDPH rule also requires Oak Hill to make sure a copy of the facility’s infection control policies and procedures are provided to residents and resident’s families or representatives upon request. If you would like a copy of this information, please contact Jennifer Morgan, our COVID -19 Infection Control team leader at 939-0400, ext. 1922.

We expect to test all residents and staff in the next two weeks. One of our staff will contact residents or responsible parties to get consent for the testing. We are excited to complete this testing because it means we are one step closer to relaxing restrictions.

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

Kim Keckritz
Administrator