



TO: Residents, Families and Employees of
Waverly Heights/Waverly Care Associates

FROM: Thomas P. Garvin, President and CEO
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DATE: May 17, 2021

SUBJECT: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Earlier today we were informed that a contract employee from an outside agency, but who has a client in Muirfield, has tested positive for COVID-19. We have informed all impacted families and residents that, based on current Department of Health guidelines, the skilled nursing section of our community will be closed to visitors effective immediately. All residents and employees will be tested for COVID-19. Exceptions to the no-visitation restriction will be made for compassionate care reasons. We are also required to close the dining venues and activity spaces in Muirfield for the duration of the 14-day period. As long as there are no positive cases identified within skilled nursing, we will reopen Muirfield on Friday, May 28th.

The contract employee was wearing a face mask during the entire time they were on premises and successfully passed our screening requirement. Anyone identified as a close contact with this individual has been notified by a member of our clinical interdisciplinary team and will be under close observation for signs and symptoms of illness.

As mentioned in last Friday's letter, we will continue masking under current guidelines regardless of vaccination status. Earlier today at our Board's Health and Wellness Committee meeting, we decided that masking will continue for the foreseeable future in the Health Care Center. Vaccinated residents in Independent Living will be able to be mask-free beginning on May 31st, as long as the Montgomery County 14-day positivity rate is below 5%. All employees will be required to continue to wear a face mask until the vaccination percentage of employees is closer to 100%.