

To: **Residents and Staff**

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COVID-19 Prevention and Protection Re:

COVID Count

ACTIVE cases		RECOVER	RECOVERED cases	
Residents	Staff	Residents	Staff	
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Yesterday we learned of a staff member from The Harbors who tested positive in the last round of testing. This is our first positive case in this community since January 18. While it is a disappointment to know someone among us has contracted the virus and to understand how this will impact on us (more on that below), the fact that we went an entire month without a new case should not be lost.

In reporting this positive case, please know that we must hold the identity and any identifying information about this employee confidential. We also cannot share if the person was vaccinated. We understand that there is curiosity about how the vaccinations may or may not be impacting our COVID experience here and we'll do our best to share what we can in general terms.

Some of the experience of COVID depends on luck but much of it is about process and practices. We have done an excellent job controlling what we can, even as we are slowly and carefully reopening. Let's keep at it and know that this one case is just a bump in the road to our new normal.

Impact on Harbors

Currently IDPH considers one case of COVID in a community like ours an "outbreak." As we have one positive case, we must now move back to phase one protocols for the safety of this community and the containment of any possible spread. Specifically, that means the following things for The Harbors portion of our community:

- 1. Communal dining will continue to be available for those who need supervision or assistance with feeding. For other Harbors' residents, there will be limited and/or modified communal dining options available. The specifics will be shared with those most impacted by these changes.
- 2. Indoor visitations to The Harbors must be temporarily suspended until at least March 2. Based on what we know today, we are asking Harbors' loved ones to wait until next Thursday, February 25 or later before contacting Kim Kohler to set up March visitation dates.

3. Communal life enrichment/exercise activities will be limited in number of events and the number of those gathered. Specifics will be shared with those most impacted by these changes.

There is no change to the frequency of testing in our community both because of our experience here as well as the positivity rate in the county. We will continue with weekly testing of all staff and Harbors' residents (and others as needed).

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