

To: **Residents and Staff**

From: Nadia N. Geigler, CEO

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Re: **COVID-19 Prevention and Protection**

COVID Count

ACTIVE cases	
Residents	Staff
1	0+1
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"+1" refers to a non-staff provider

RECOVERED cases	
Residents	Staff
25	46+7

"+7" refers to a non-staff provider

Yesterday evening we learned of a positive case of COVID in a Harbors' resident. This resident would not have had any contact with the private caregiver who tested positive last week and even resides on a floor that is different than the one on which the private caregiver works.

Testing to date seems to show that last week's positive has not spread into our community. Testing so far also indicates that today's positive does not appear to have come from inside the community. We will know more as extra testing continues this week and into the next.

Next Steps for The Harbors and for Staff

In response to a second positive case, we are required to put The Harbors into more of a sheltered posture for two weeks. This is what is required of us by public health as a licensed provider of healthcare to older adults. The rationale for this guidance is to uphold above all else the protection of our residents and staff by limiting the potential spread of the virus. Unfortunately, these steps come with consequences that the members of our community and our organization feel deeply.

For now, we must put the following safety protocols in place:

- Unfortunately, this means that there can be no visitors to The Harbors until we are out of our two-week period quarantine period.
- What will continue is communal dining on each floor of The Harbors for anyone who is fully vaccinated and who is not COVID positive or suspected to be COVID positive.
- Small group activities can also continue for Harbors' residents who are fully vaccinated and not showing any indication of being positive for COVID.
- All Harbors' residents are asked to remain on their floor and ideally in their unit when not participating in meals or activities. All staff working in The Harbors are asked to limit their vertical movement in The Harbors to the extent possible.
- Emergency testing is in place for today and tomorrow for all staff and Harbors' residents.
- Additional testing dates will be put into place and communicated through a future memo. For staff in particular, please know that the testing schedule for early next week may be adjusted again. Any changes will be sent out to staff by email and through the Connecteams employee app so check there!

The news of another shut down in The Harbors, and particularly during Mother's Day, is heartbreaking to all of us. We are holding up the mothers, grandmothers, adopted mothers, aunts and great aunts during this time and those family and friends who wanted to celebrate in person. We are hopeful that the surveillance testing we are doing now will return all negative results and we will be cleared by public health to reopen on Tuesday, May 18.

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