June 30th, 2022,

Dear Residents, Family and Staff Members,

We had a staff member in the kitchen test positive for COVID-19 on 6/26/22. The person was last in the building on 6/24/22. We are now back in outbreak testing every Tuesday and Thursday for all unless you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days. We will be conducting the first round of resident testing immediately. We will be going to N95s and face shields effective immediately.

All residents tested negative however, we had a staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 on 6/30/22 last date in the building 6/19/22.

We will continue to watch the situation very closely to ensure that there is early detection of any other potential cases. If a resident tests positive staff will call and notify you of the results directly. In our continued efforts to maintain the safety and wellbeing of residents and staff the following measures have been implemented to prevent the transmission of COVID 19:

If you would like to contact your loved ones you may call the building at 971-978-1268. Activities and social services can arrange for a video chat with you and your loved ones.

* All staff members are screened twice per shift for symptoms of COVID 19. Any staff member found to be symptomatic are sent home.
* Residents are screened twice per day.
* All staff are to wear N-95 masks while in resident/resident care areas and throughout the entire building.
* Staff will be caring for residents in full PPE. Please do not be alarmed, this does not mean that the person they are working with has COVID 19. We are taking extra precautions with all residents at this time.
* All visitors will continue to be screened for signs and symptoms. If there is a yes to any of the questions or the visitor presents with a fever it will be mandatory for them to postpone their visit until they no longer meet the restriction criteria.
* If visitors are allowed into the facility, they are required to go directly to the resident’s room or dedicated space. The area will be cleaned after the visit occurs.
* Any visitor that does not adhere to guidance on infection control measures will be asked to leave. This includes hand hygiene before and after visit.
* As some staff members have been identified to work in multiple locations, those locations have been notified so that increased monitoring of their staff and residents can occur as well.
* Frequent Hand hygiene is required while in the facility. Infection control rounds are conducted to ensure that staff are adhering to this and proper PPE utilization.
* Social distancing is required at all times unless services being provided do not allow for it. This means that a distance of least 6 feet between individuals should be adhered to unless circumstances prevent that distance. If a 6-foot distance cannot be maintained, then as much distance that can be should be provided.
* EPA registered disinfectants continue to be used on high touch surfaces throughout the facility. Efforts to clean high touch areas are being conducted.
* We will also be working with the Oregon Health Authority and other state agencies in determining other mitigating interventions such as all staff and resident testing.
* Anytime medical transport comes to the facility, they will be notified of the potential exposure so they may wear the correct PPE.
* We will continue to encourage all residents to wear a mask when they leave their room or when care is provided.
* Staff will assist residents with medical appointments and will help determine if telehealth visits are more appropriate at this time, if their provider can conduct this service. If they cannot then the staff will follow direction regarding upcoming appointments from provider.

We understand that this is a stressful time. Again, our highest priority is providing a safe environment for everyone. We appreciate your understanding with these measures. We will continue to keep the residents, family, and staff updated with any additional information or strategies for transmission prevention that may develop weekly. There have been no further measures implemented or changes to facility operations at this time. Please help keep yourself healthy and be aware of those around you, as always be diligent with washing, and please wear a mask when in public or small confined spaces with 1 or more individuals.

If you have any questions related to Coronavirus or infection control measure please see administrative staff. Information of COVID 19 may be found at www.cdc.gov or www.sapphirehealthservices.com.

Best regards,

Sapphire Senior Leadership Team