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To enhance efforts to keep COVID-19 from entering and spreading through nursing homes, facilities are required to test residents and staff based on parameters and a frequency set forth by the Health and Human Services Secretary. Facilities can meet the testing requirements through the use of rapid point-of-care (POC) diagnostic testing devices or through an arrangement with an offsite laboratory. Starting September of 2020, nursing homes are required to test staff as defined by Centers of Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) on a frequency basis ranging from once a month and up to twice a week. As stated in previous communications and notification, increase testing will assist in identifying asymptomatic individuals who have the potential to test positive.

Current County Transmission Rate as of 10/08/21: High
Current County Positivity Rate according to IDPH as of 10/05/21: 7.4%

Current Lab Confirmed COVID-19 Cases:

Resident Positivity Count as of 10/11/2021: 0
Staff Positivity Count as of 10/11/2021: 1

We are currently in "Outbreak" status in accordance with CMS.
As defined by CMS, we will continue to following their guidance as outlined below:

CMS Definition of Outbreak Status

An "outbreak" as "any new case" that arises in a facility is defined as a new COVID-19 infection in any healthcare personnel or any nursing home-onset COVID-19 infection in a resident. Subsequent testing of all staff and residents that have tested negative must continue every 3-7 days until testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 among staff or residents for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive result.

Visitation can resume based on the following criteria:

- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals *no additional* COVID-19 cases, then visitation may resume for residents in accordance to the facility's visitation policy.
- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals *one or more additional* COVID-19 cases, then facilities will suspend visitation for ALL residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated) with the expectation of compassion care visits, until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing as outlined above.

Important to note: Outdoor visitation is available, please contact the Activity Department (319-278-4900) to schedule your appointment. At this time, indoor visitation is for compassion care visits only during our "Outbreak" testing period. As always, we encourage families to use of our chat box, window visits, telephone calls or virtual visits via Facetime, Google Duo, Zoom or Skype. As a reminder, masks are to be worn during the duration of the visit regardless of vaccination status.

Thank you for your patience and support during these past several months, as we have all worked together to safely navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to provide you with updates via our facility website at (www.clarksvilleskillednursing.com) located under the Newsletter/COVID19 tab.

Continuing Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention at our Center include at minimum:

- Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19
- Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred).
- Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose).
- Social distancing at least six feet between persons.
- Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene).
- Cleaning & disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, & designated visitation areas after each visit.
- Appropriate staff use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Effective cohorting of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated COVID-19 care).
- Resident and staff testing conducted as required.



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