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During routine surveillance testing today another resident tested positive and has been moved to our COVID isolation unit. There are currently two other residents in that unit. We will continue testing residents and staff twice weekly. The next testing date for residents is planned for Friday, November 26. We know that this last outbreak was brought in by a family member who was asymptomatic. With Thanksgiving and other holidays approaching, visitors should be cautious with transmission of the virus to, and from, our residents. Individuals travelling and attending family gatherings are at high risk, even if vaccinated.

We ask that you do not visit if you have any signs or symptoms, even if you think it is just a "little cold". Everyone must be screened into the building using the kiosk. If it is triggered, a facility nurse, or other official, must approve that individual to enter. All visitors must wear a face mask, sanitize hands and physical distance from others. Residents may refuse visitors if they are unvaccinated or do not follow good safety practices. All of our residents are fully vaccinated however not all of them have received the booster.

The majority of staff are also vaccinated with the vaccine mandate approaching December 6. They must also be screened into the building, wear appropriate personal protective equipment and have good hand hygiene practices. We are working closely with both the local and State Departments of Public Health throughout this pandemic and ask for everyone's support.

Please be safe to protect your families and help us stop COVID here.