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Hello Friends! This is your Aldersgate COVID-19 Update for January 13, 2022.

We have been notified that one employee from Aldersgate Therapy has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The employee is quarantined at home and is receiving appropriate care. We continue to follow the CDC's criteria for return to work for all employees.

We have notified public health officials and are following all recommendations provided by CMS and the Mississippi State Department of Health. Please note that the MSDH defines an outbreak in long term care facilities as a single positive case among elders or employees. We closely adhere to the routine testing policy for elders and employees as laid out by CMS and the MSDH.

We understand there is a lot of COVID fatigue out there, but our best path forward is to follow the established protocols and limit the spread as much as possible. Ultimately, vaccination remains the best and most widely available protection against severe illness, hospitalization or death from COVID-19. We strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated and boosted.

Aldersgate is currently open to indoor visits, but it is important that you understand your risks before visiting. Lauderdale County currently has a 39.4% positivity rate for the virus. Visiting Aldersgate during an active outbreak places visitors at an increased risk of contracting the virus, as well as potentially passing the virus on to the elders and team members. Please consider this as you make plans to visit our campus.

As a reminder, the fastest and easiest way to receive updated Aldersgate COVID-19 information is to call 662-844-8977 Ext. 212 for a pre-recorded message or go to mss.org/Aldersgate and click on the COVID-19 Update Button. As always, you can reach out to the Aldersgate Team at (601) 482-5561 for any questions you may have.

Bless you and be safe!