

Hello Friends! This is your Aldersgate COVID-19 Update for August 10, 2021.

We have an employee of Aldersgate Assisted Living who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The employee is quarantined and receiving appropriate care. At this time, no one else is exhibiting symptoms. All elders and other employees were tested as soon as we were notified and were negative. We will be tested every 3-7 days over the next 14 days to ensure this is an isolated case. At Assisted Living communal dining, visits and activities will be stopped until the next round of group testing is completed and all are negative. Then, we will resume as normal.

We continue to follow all guidance set forth by state and federal officials for privacy, elder care, employee safety, and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. We continue following all regulatory guidance from MSDH.

At Aldersgate Apartment Living (Independent Living), dining, activities and visits remain open as they have been. There have been no reported cases at this time.

In Mississippi, the number of cases is rapidly increasing. The most recent updates from the CDC are very encouraging for those who have been vaccinated. The vaccine is available at many locations locally. If you have not had the vaccine, please consider it. Lauderdale County currently has a positivity rate of 28.4% which is among the highest in the state. It is recommended for all to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status in areas of heightened transmission. Please be safe and help keep us safe; wear a mask.

In order to help provide our family and staff members with regular updates, we have created two ways to access campus COVID-19 updates. You can access campus specific updates by going to mss.org/Aldersgate and clicking on the COVID-19 Update Button. In addition, you can call, 662-844-8977 Extension 212, and updates will be recorded there for you to listen to. We hope this helps keep you well informed. As always, you can reach out to our administrative office at Aldersgate with any questions.

Bless you and be safe!