

November 4, 2020

Dear Elders, Families and Friends of MSS,

Our team has completed our weekly COVID-19 testing and we'd like to share those results with you.

We have had two elders from Dugan test positive for COVID-19. All other elders and employees tested negative for the virus. The elders are quarantined and are receiving appropriate care.

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 more than one case among employees over a 14-day period.

We will continue to offer outdoor visits, as weather permits, during this time while we wait for infection clearance. Visits will need to be scheduled and all protocols for safety as previously outlined must be followed.

Our ability to continue offering visits of any sort depends on everyone staying virus free.

Mississippi's numbers are currently very high, so we want to remind everyone to take every measure possible to slow the spread of this virus. Please continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask, perform good hand sanitation, keep the size of your group gatherings small and whenever possible, avoid being out in the general public. So long as the positivity rate is high in our county and state, it is very difficult to keep the virus away from the elders and our employees. We need everyone to do their part to ensure everyone stays virus-free. As we head into the holiday season, please remember that the greatest gift you can offer the elders is time with their families and that can only happen if the positivity rate decreases.

As a reminder, we continue to post regular updates online or and to our dedicated message line. You can call 662-844-8977 Ext. 231 for a pre-recorded message or go to mss.org/Dugan and click on the COVID-19 Update Button. As always, if you have any questions, please contact our administrative staff at (662)494-3640.

Sincerely,



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President/CEO



Carrie Whitlow
Dugan Executive Director

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgement. ~ 2 Timothy 1:7