

Hello Friends! This is your Dugan COVID-19 Update for January 10, 2022

We have been notified that five elders and three employees from Dugan have been diagnosed with COVID-19. All are quarantined and are receiving appropriate care. We continue to follow the CDC's criteria for return to work for all employees.

In addition, we are deeply saddened to inform you that an elder from Dugan who had previously been diagnosed with COVID-19 has died due to complications from the virus.

As of today, we have a total of 7 elders and 17 employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past couple of weeks. Most all positive individuals have been vaccinated and are either asymptomatic or only exhibiting mild symptoms. All other elders and employees have tested negative for the virus.

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.

The Omicron variant is causing a large spike in cases across the state of Mississippi. We encourage everyone to take all measures possible to slow the spread of the virus. Please practice social distancing, wear a mask, perform good hand sanitation and keep group gatherings few and small.

Vaccination remains the most effective way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. Everyone aged 5 and older should be fully vaccinated, and those 18 and over should receive a booster at the appropriate time.

While we are currently open to indoor visits, it is critical that everyone take every measure possible to protect the elders and our team members.

Family and staff members can continue to obtain regular COVID-19 updates by calling the hotline at 662-844-8977, Ext. 231 or by going to mss.org/Dugan and clicking on the COVID-19 Update Button. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Dugan team at 662-494-3640.

Bless you and be safe!