

Hello Friends! This is your Dugan COVID-19 Update for January 14, 2022

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

As of today, we have a total of 17 COVID-19 cases including 11 elders and 6 employees. Most all positive individuals have been vaccinated and are either asymptomatic or only exhibiting mild symptoms.

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.

Dugan is currently open to indoor visits, but it is important that you understand your risks before visiting. Clay County currently has a 40.87% positivity rate for the virus. Visiting Dugan 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.

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](http://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!