

Hello Friends! This is your Martha Coker COVID-19 Update for November 13, 2020.

We have completed our weekly COVID-19 testing routine of all elders and employees and would like to share those results with you. For the second week in a row, all elders and employees have tested negative for the virus.

We will make the move to indoor visits next week. All visits must be scheduled in advance. Window visits can be held at any time. Please refrain from visiting during mealtimes. **All of the guidance laid out previously for safe visits still apply. Refer to that guidance prior to your visit.** Please remember that our ability to offer indoor visits depends on everyone staying virus free.

In addition, we have been given guidance for Thanksgiving visits. Elders may go home for the holiday. If they do not stay overnight, they may return to their house with no quarantine restrictions. If they stay away overnight, they will be asked to quarantine in their room for 14 days upon their return. If they have previously been diagnosed with COVID-19, they are exempt from the quarantine policy as they are considered low risk for reinfection. This is exciting news for the elders, and we hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday.

However, Mississippi's numbers are currently extremely high. As families find ways to gather and celebrate it is critical that we all remain vigilant in order to protect the elders and our employees. With that in mind, 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. Please do your part to make it a safe and happy holiday season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Martha Coker office at (662) 746-4621.

Bless you and be safe!