

Hello Friends! This is your Martha Coker COVID-19 Update for December 28, 2021.

The Martha Coker Green House Homes have remained COVID-19 free for eleven weeks. However, we have been notified that three employees 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.

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 will be testing all elders and employees today and tomorrow as a precaution.

While we are currently open to indoor visits, it is critical that everyone take all precautions to eliminate the risk of spreading any type of virus to the elders and our team members. Please be screened, wear a mask and maintain social distance as much as possible. If you do not feel well or suspect you may have been exposed, please postpone your visit and come another time.

Our State's COVID-19 cases are very high right now and the new variants have been identified among these cases. The safest protection against COVID-19 is to be fully vaccinated. While it may not keep you from getting the virus, recent research has shown that it is effective in reducing the effects of the virus to a mild cold-like state rather than something that requires hospitalization. In fact, most severe cases are now among those who have not been vaccinated. If you have not taken the vaccine or booster, please consider them at this time.

As a reminder, you can access campus specific updates by going to mss.org/MarthaCoker and clicking on the COVID-19 Update Button or by calling 662-844-8977, Extension 225. As always, you can reach out to our Martha Coker team at (662) 746-4621 for any questions you may have.

Bless you and be safe!