

---

## Martha Coker

2041 Grand Avenue, Yazoo City, MS 39194

Phone: 662-746-4621 | Fax: 662-746-5709 | [www.mss.org](http://www.mss.org)

Hello Friends! This is your Martha Coker COVID-19 Update for January 1, 2022

We have been notified that an elder from the Martha Coker Green House Homes have been diagnosed with COVID-19. The elder is quarantined and is receiving appropriate care.

As of today, we have a total 8 employees and 1 elder who have tested positive for COVID-19. Currently everyone is either asymptomatic or only exhibiting mild symptoms. All other elders and employees have tested negative for the virus recently. 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.

As per recent MSDH guidance, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are rising rapidly in the state as the Omicron variant spreads. Masks should be worn indoors in public places to reduce the risk of transmission. As always, be tested if you feel sick, talk to a doctor about appropriate treatment and remain at home if you test positive.

Group gatherings and indoor activities can be major contributors of COVID-19 transmission. Please keep these 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. Please be mindful of the current transmission rates within your community (for Yazoo County, it is over 25%) and utilize all stated safety measure before visiting our campus.

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

Bless You and Be Safe!