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## Martha Coker

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Hello friends! This is your Martha Coker COVID-19 Update for January 10, 2022

We have been notified that six elders from the Martha Coker Green House Homes have been diagnosed with COVID-19. All are quarantined and are receiving appropriate care.

As of today, we have a total of 11 elders and 4 employees who have recently tested positive for COVID-19. Currently everyone is either asymptomatic or only exhibiting mild symptoms. We closely adhere to the routine testing policy for elders and employees as laid out by CMS and the MSDH. We will be conducting campus-wide testing tomorrow for all elders and 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.

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. Yazoo County currently has a 51.61% positivity rate for the virus. Visiting Martha Coker during an active outbreak places the visitor at an increased risk of contracting the virus, as well as passing the virus on to the elders and team members.

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!