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Hello friends! This is your Martha Coker COVID-19 Update for January 11, 2022

We closely adhere to the routine testing policy for elders and employees as laid out by CMS and the MSDH. Today we tested all elders and employees for COVID-19. We had one elder and three employees test positive for the virus. All positive individuals are quarantined 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 12 elders and 6 employees who have recently tested positive for COVID-19. Currently everyone is 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.

The Omicron variant is causing a large spike in cases across the state of Mississippi. 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 52.63% 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 potentially 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 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!