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## Martha Coker

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Hello friends! This is your Martha Coker COVID-19 Update for January 12, 2022

We have been notified that three employees from the Martha Coker Green House Homes have been diagnosed with COVID-19. All are quarantined at home 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 7 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. We closely adhere to the routine testing policy for elders and employees as laid out by CMS and the MSDH.

We believe this is a special community, and that has been evident through the ways in which we have persevered for nearly two years in navigating this pandemic. We understand there is a lot of COVID fatigue out there, but our best path forward is to follow the established protocols and limit the spread as much as possible. Ultimately, vaccination remains the best and most widely available protection against severe illness, hospitalization or death from COVID-19. We strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated and boosted.

Martha Coker is currently open to indoor visits, but it is important that you understand your risks before visiting. Yazoo County currently has a 52.63% positivity rate for the virus. Visiting Martha Coker during an active outbreak places visitors at an increased risk of contracting the virus, as well as potentially passing the virus on to the elders and team members. Please consider this as you make plans to visit 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!