

December 9, 2020

Dear Elders, Families and Friends of MSS,

As we previously informed you, we conducted Covid-19 group testing of all elders and employees at The Mitchell Center due to a positive diagnosis in an elder that lives there. Those tests were conducted on Friday, December 4, 2020 and we'd like to share those results with you.

One elder has tested positive for COVID-19. The elder is quarantined and is receiving appropriate care. All other elders and employees, except for the originally diagnosed individual, are clear of infection. This new result brings our total to two active cases of COVID-19 at the Mitchell Center.

We have notified public health officials and are following all recommendations provided by CMS and the Mississippi State Department of Health. We are appreciative of the National Guard for their assistance in conducting these tests in such a timely and efficient manner.

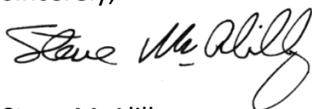
The Mitchell Center will continue to offer outdoor, socially distanced family visits following the safety guidelines that were previously issued. Please call Shanda in advance to schedule your visit and receive instructions on where to report for your visit.

These good results do not mean we let our guard down. Mississippi is seeing very large numbers of infections diagnosed each day and we must remain vigilant in order to prevent further infection at Traceway or The Mitchell Center. Job one is still to protect the elders. Lee County is currently a red county with a positivity rate of 18.5% which is among the highest across the state. We ask that all elders continue to shelter in place as much as possible. Please let our employees, your family and our volunteers help keep you safe by running errands and allowing you to stay protected.

In addition, we want to ask everyone to take every measure possible to slow the spread of the virus. Please continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask, perform good hand sanitation, refrain from group gatherings of any size and whenever possible, avoid being out in the general public. Please do your part to keep Traceway's elders and employees safe.

As a reminder, we are posting regular updates online and our dedicated message line. You can call 662-844-8977 Ext. 224 for a pre-recorded message or go to mss.org/Traceway and click on the COVID-19 Update Button. As always, you can reach out to our administrative office for any questions you may have at (662)844-1441.

Sincerely,



Steve McAlilly
President/CEO



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Traceway Executive Director

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgement. ~ 2 Timothy 1:7