

Hello Friends! This is your Riggs Manor COVID-19 Update for December 27, 2021

We have been notified that two elders and one employee from Riggs Manor have been diagnosed with COVID-19. The elders are quarantined and are receiving appropriate care. The employee is quarantined at home and is receiving appropriate care. We continue to follow the CDC's criteria for return to work for all employees.

As of today, we have 3 elders who have tested positive for COVID-19 and 4 employees. Currently all but one of the elders are asymptomatic and that one only has a minor cough. Similarly, the employees are only exhibiting mild symptoms. All other campus elders and employees have tested negative for the virus.

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.

While we are currently open to indoor visits across the campus, it is critical that everyone take all precautions to eliminate the risk of spreading any type of virus to the elders and our team members. Please be screened, wear a mask and maintain social distance as much as possible. If you do not feel well or suspect you may have been exposed, please postpone your visit and come another time.

Our State's COVID-19 cases are very high right now and the new variants have been identified among these cases. The safest protection against COVID-19 is to be fully vaccinated. While it may not keep you from getting the virus, recent research has shown that it is effective in reducing the effects of the virus to a mild cold-like state rather than something that requires hospitalization. In fact, most severe cases are now among those who have not been vaccinated. If you have not taken the vaccine or booster, please consider them at this time.

As a reminder, family and staff members can continue to obtain regular COVID-19 updates by calling the hotline at 662-844-8977, Extension 226 or by going to mss.org/Riggs and clicking on the COVID-19 Update Button. We hope this helps keep you well informed. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Riggs Manor office at (601) 857-5011.

Bless you and be safe!