

Hello Friends! This is your Traceway COVID-19 Update for January 11, 2022

We have been notified that one elder and four employees have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

We currently have a total of 50 active COVID-19 cases including 20 elders and 30 employees.

Cedars/Green Houses: 11 Elders and 24 Employees

The Mitchell Center: 5 Elders and 4 Employees

The Manor/Villas: 4 Elders

Therapy: 2 Employees

Most everyone is either asymptomatic or only exhibiting mild symptoms. All elders and other employees have recently tested negative 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.

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.

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. Lee County currently has a 50.59% positivity rate for the virus. Visiting Traceway 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, family and staff members can continue to obtain regular COVID-19 updates by calling the hotline at 662-844-8977, Extension 224 or by going to [mss.org/Traceway](http://mss.org/Traceway) 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 Traceway team at 662-844-1441.

Bless you and be safe!