

Hello Friends! This is your Traceway COVID-19 Update for January 4, 2022

We have been notified that five elders and two employees have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Currently our active COVID-19 cases total:

Cedars/Green Houses: 6 Elders and 12 Employees

The Mitchell Center: 2 Employees

The Manor/Villas: 9 Elders and 2 Employees

Cottages: 1 Elder

Therapy: 3 Employees

Currently 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.

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are rising rapidly in our state. Please wear a mask, sanitize your hands and maintain social distance as much as possible. As always, be tested if you feel sick, talk to a doctor about appropriate treatment and remain at home if you test positive. Group gatherings and indoor activities can be major contributors of COVID-19 transmission. Please keep these 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.

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!