

Hello Friends! This is your Traceway Campus COVID-19 Update for October 5, 2021.

At Traceway Manor we are five weeks free of any reported cases of COVID-19! Activities, dining and visiting remain open as they have been.

This morning, we had our first positive case of COVID-19 at Mitchell Center in over eight months. An employee has tested positive and is quarantining at home while receiving appropriate care. We have begun the process of testing all elders and employees. At this time, we must stop indoor visits and group activities. We will also limit dining for the time being. On Friday, October 8, 2021, we will be testing once more and if everyone remains negative through this round of tests, we will resume our normal routine. We will continue to test everyone every 3-7 days until there are no positive results for a period of 14 days.

At Cedars Rehab and Recovery and the Green Houses, we had one employee who tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend. All elders and employees in areas affected by positive case will continue to be tested every 3-7 days until 14 days pass with no positive tests. At this time we must move to all outdoor visits as a result of the county positivity rate being greater than 10 % and the elders' vaccination rate being less than 70%. As of October 1, 2021, 63.79% of the elders are vaccinated.

We continue following all recommendations from CMS and the Mississippi State Department of Health. Remember, the MSDH defines an outbreak as a single case among elders or staff in long term care. We follow CDC guidance for employees returning to work.

The rates of infection are high throughout Mississippi. The most recent updates from the CDC are encouraging for those who are fully vaccinated. If you have not yet gotten the vaccine, we encourage you to consider it at this time. Lee County has a positivity rate of 19.3 % putting us in one of the highest risk areas in the state for transmission of COVID-19. The CDC recommends mask usage regardless of your vaccination status in areas of heightened transmission. Please be safe and help keep us safe; wear your mask.

Covid-19 updates are available by calling 662-844-8977, Extension 224. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Traceway team at 662-844-1441.

Bless you and be safe!