

Hello Friends! This is your Traceway COVID-19 Update for December 27, 2021.

We have been notified that four employees from the Green House Homes and one from The Mitchell Center/The Manor have been diagnosed with COVID-19. In addition, one elder from a Green House Home and one elder from the Apartments at Traceway Manor have also been diagnosed with COVID-19.

The elders are quarantined and are receiving appropriate care. The employees are quarantined at home and are receiving appropriate care as well. We continue to follow the CDC's criteria for return to work for all employees. We closely adhere to the routine testing policy for elders and employees as laid out by CMS and the MSDH. We performed these tests today and all other employees and elders 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.

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 224 or by going to 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!