

December 9, 2020

Dear Elders, Families and Friends of MSS,

We have been notified that another four elders from Traceway Manor have been diagnosed with COVID-19. The elders are quarantined and are receiving appropriate care. We have notified public health officials and are following all recommendations provided by the CDC and the Mississippi State Department of Health. This brings the Manor count to eight active cases of COVID-19.

We have contacted all elders and employees who may have been exposed to make them aware of the situation. Please know that we have followed, and will continue to do so, all guidance set forth by state and federal officials for privacy, elder care, employee safety, and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The Manor will remain on quarantine until we are clear of infection. We are asking all elders to remain in their apartments to ensure the virus is not spread within the Manor. All in-person dining will remain closed, and we will continue delivering meals to each room. In addition, our team will also make mail delivery for each elder as well. All internal group gatherings and activities will be put on hold until we are out of this quarantine period. In addition, we are restricting family visitation at this time.

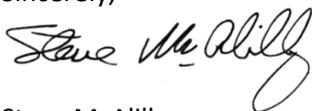
In order to help identify and isolate potential cases of the virus, Methodist Senior Services has arranged for a group testing of all Manor elders on Thursday, December 10, 2020. Team members will begin testing on A Hall about 9:00 am and will be come to each door to perform the test. All Manor employees were tested earlier today, and we are happy to inform you that all tests were negative for the virus.

Mississippi is currently seeing very large numbers of infections diagnosed each day and we must remain vigilant in order to prevent further infection at Traceway. Lee County is currently a red county with a positivity rate of 18.5% which is among the highest across the state. We ask that all elders continue to shelter in place as much as possible. Please let our employees, your family and our volunteers help keep you safe by running errands and allowing you to stay protected.

In addition, we want to ask everyone to take every measure possible to slow the spread of the virus. Please continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask, perform good hand sanitation, refrain from group gatherings of any size and whenever possible, avoid being out in the general public. Please do your part to keep Traceway's elders and employees safe.

As a reminder, we are posting regular updates online and our dedicated message line. You can call 662-844-8977 Ext. 224 for a pre-recorded message or go to mss.org/Traceway and click on the COVID-19 Update Button. As always, you can reach out to our administrative office at Traceway for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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President/CEO



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Traceway Executive Director

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgement. ~ 2 Timothy 1:7