

Hello Friends! This is your Trinity COVID-19 Update for January 7, 2022

We have been notified that one elder and five employees from Trinity Healthcare have tested positive for COVID-19. In addition, one employee from the Apartments at Trinity Place has also tested positive 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 the state as the Omicron variant spreads. As per recent guidance issued by the MSDH, masks should be worn indoors in public places to reduce the risk of transmission. 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 210 or by going to [mss.org/Trinity](http://mss.org/Trinity) and clicking on the COVID-19 Update Button. We hope this helps keep you well informed. As always, you can reach out to our team at Trinity at 662-327-6716 for any questions you may have.

Bless you and be safe!