

Hello Friends! This is your Wesley Meadows COVID-19 Update for January 11, 2022.

We closely adhere to the routine testing policy for elders and employees as laid out by CMS and the MSDH. Today we tested all elders and employees and had one elder from the Apartments at Wesley Meadows test positive for COVID-19. The elder is quarantined and is receiving appropriate care.

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.

The Omicron variant is causing a large spike in cases across the state of Mississippi. We encourage everyone to take all measures possible to slow the spread of the virus. Please practice social distancing, wear a mask, perform good hand sanitation and keep group 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. DeSoto County currently has a 44.56% positivity rate for the virus. Visiting Wesley Meadows during an active outbreak places the visitor at an increased risk of contracting the virus, as well as passing the virus on to the elders and 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 234 or by going to [mss.org/WesleyMeadows](http://mss.org/WesleyMeadows) 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 Wesley Meadows office at (662)429-2070.

Bless you and be safe!