Encore Village
SCHAUMBURG

December 27th, 2021

Dear Resident/Representative:

As promised in our previous communications with you, we have committed to notify you of any new COVID-19 cases in Briarwood. In accordance with our testing plan and regulation, we were notified one associate positive case late on December 25th. The associate that had tested positive for COVID-19 was removed from the schedule to recover at home. Our associate positive case count since the beginning of August is now at 25. Our resident positive case count since the beginning of August remains at 21, with our last resident case on November 22nd.

We are seeing a significant increase in notifications of exposures related to family and friends of both residents and associates. I need to reiterate to everyone that enters Briarwood, whether as an associate or a guest, that there is inherent risk in being in the building during an outbreak. While we are screening every associate, visitor, and resident for signs/symptoms of COVID-19, screening does not always identify new cases. We will continue to test frequently, and we are again asking that everyone be vigilant during this time. Masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene are required within Briarwood. The positivity rate and rate of transmission of COVID-19 are increasing significantly in the greater community, and we need to do our part to protect our residents. PLEASE BE SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

In accordance with the guidance issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), pertinent changes to operations, visitation, and testing are listed below:

- Universal Testing of all residents and associates is being conducted in Briarwood.
  - All Briarwood associate testing will be conducted on December 27th and 28th.
  - Briarwood resident testing will be conducted on December 28th.
- Visitation modifications that went into effect November 24th remain unchanged:
  - There are no longer any restrictions on the number of visitors that can come in to visit with the resident. Please ensure that there is room to socially distance in the resident room. If social distancing is not possible due to the number of visitors, we would ask that visitors space their visits as to not overcrowd the resident room.
  - Visits will continue in the resident rooms only unless the resident is going out on pass.
  - Residents are permitted to eat in the presence of the visitors, but the visitors should refrain from removing their masks while visiting.
  - For those with roommates that would like a private visit, the visitation suites on the Forest 3 hallway are still available.

Please feel free to call the Life Enrichment Office at 847-884-5216 to schedule a virtual visit. Please continue to visit our Caremerge website for the most recent COVID updates: **bit.ly/fsoschaumburg**. For any questions or concerns, please contact us at 847-884-5490.

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Administrator