Encore Village
SCHAUMBURG

September 29th, 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, our testing resulted in one resident and one associate positive case of COVID-19 on September 28th. The resident that had tested positive for COVID-19 was relocated to our COVID unit for additional monitoring and oversight, and to isolate them from the rest of our resident population. The associate that had tested positive for COVID-19 was last in the building on September 23rd and was removed from the schedule to recover at home. Our associate positive case count since the beginning of August is now at nine. Our resident positive case count since the beginning of August is now at 16.

In accordance with the guidance issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and in response to the resident and associate positive case from September 29th, relevant changes to operations, visitation, and testing are listed below:

- Universal Testing of all residents and associates
  - Associate testing will be conducted again on September 30th and October 4th and 5th
  - Resident testing will be conducted again on October 5th
- All dining in Briarwood is currently being conducted in the resident rooms, as we continue to work to mitigate any further spread within the facility.
- While not mandated for those residents not on quarantine, we are asking and encouraging all non-medical related trips for the residents outside of the facility be suspended for the next two weeks.
- All indoor visitation continues to be suspended for all of Briarwood until further notice. We will be conducting pre-scheduled outdoor visitation for those residents not on quarantine during the listed visitation times on the visitation flyer.
- Please note that face masks are required for residents and visitors during visitation regardless of vaccination status, including during outdoor visitations.
- All new admissions or readmissions to Briarwood are required to quarantine for 14 days, regardless of vaccination status.

We will continue to offer Pre-scheduled window visits and virtual visits will continue. All virtual and window visits can be scheduled no less than 24 hours in advance by emailing requested days and times to the following email address: briarwood.connection@myfso.org
Please add Family Facetime or Window Visit in the subject line. You can also call the Life Enrichment Office at 847-884-5216 to schedule a virtual or window visit.

Updates will be provided to you via letter every Monday and upon notification of any new cases.
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