



# Ascension Living

September 4, 2020

Dear Residents and Family Members,

We want to update you on our community’s current COVID-19 situation. Please review the charts that feature resident and staff statistics about COVID-19 as of today.

<b>Resident Statistics</b>	<b>Count</b>
New Positive COVID-19 cases since September 1, 2020	0
Current number of residents who are COVID-19 positive in our community	0
New COVID-19 deaths since September 1, 2020	0
Year-to-date number residents who have tested positive for COVID-19	17
Year-to-date COVID-19 related residents deaths	5
New persons Under Investigation (PUI) since August 28, 2020 due to a new COVID-19 related sign or symptom	0
Year-to-date positive residents who have recovered	12

<b>Staff Statistics</b>	<b>Count</b>
New positive COVID-19 cases since September 1, 2020 (associate(s) furloughed)	0
Year-to-date number of staff who have tested positive for COVID-19	21
New persons Under Investigation (PUI) since August 28, 2020 due to a new COVID-19 related sign or symptom	0
Year-to-date positive associates who have recovered	21

We have in place strict infection control precautions and protocols established by the CDC, CMS and the state and local health departments to protect residents, associates and visitors. Residents with positive tests are being isolated in a designated unit and treated in accordance with guidance from the CDC. Those residents are cared for by designated, specially trained healthcare personnel who do not interact with other residents or units within the community. Residents who do not have symptoms related to COVID-19 are treated in a separate part of the building and are cared for by a different designated team to mitigate any possible exposure to COVID-19.

Any staff member who tests positive is required to adhere to established infection control protocols with guidance from the CDC and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and will remain off work until

cleared by their personal medical provider. It is also important to know that our staff follow safety protocols and are fully dressed in appropriate personal protective equipment during time in our community. In addition, we continue to closely monitor all residents and other caregivers who may have come in contact with positive staff.

As you are aware from recent communications, our team has been working at the direction of the CDC, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and in partnership with the NYSDOH to monitor and ensure the best possible care for all our residents in order to reduce exposure to COVID-19. Based on their guidance, we have been proactively implementing precautions that reduce risk of exposure to others. We follow visitation restrictions at the direction of the CDC and NYSDOH designed to protect our residents, associates and families; implemented comprehensive screening of all who enter our community; applied social distancing measures; are requiring all associates and clinical partners to wear a facemask when working within our communities; are regularly conducting stringent deep cleaning; boosted resident baseline monitoring; and continue with weekly associate viral testing. We made all these changes to reduce the potential for exposure to COVID-19 while a resident receives care unrelated to the disease.

Given the information and training provided by the CDC, CMS and the NYSDOH, our associates were well prepared to respond to each positive case of COVID. Our care team immediately acted and appropriately treated these residents from the very beginning, strictly limiting contact and any exposure to our staff while providing compassionate care. Please be assured we are following the recommended processes and guidelines to protect the health and well-being of all of our residents and associates. Our associates continue to perform required procedures, including a deep cleaning. We won't let our guard down!

Our mission calls us to provide compassionate care for all persons, especially the vulnerable. We have in place strict infection control precautions and protocols established by the CDC, CMS, state and local health department to protect residents, associates and essential visitors.

Should you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact me at 716-298-2929 or [jon.hart@ascension.org](mailto:jon.hart@ascension.org). As always, thank you for trusting us to care for your loved one and please continue to keep us in your prayers!

Regards,



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Our Lady of Peace