




MEMORANDUM

TO: Manor East Residents and Responsible Parties
FROM: Carrie Davis, Administrator 
DATE: May 26, 2020
RE: COVID-19 Update

We have received more information from the Health Department about Manor East COVID-19 Testing.

- The National Guard has scheduled to be on campus this Friday, May 29, 2020.
- The team will start the set-up process by 9am and begin testing around 10am.
- Test results will be available the first part of next week.
- A familiar staff person will accompany the team performing in-room testing.

The question of “how long do we need to remain in our rooms” is one without a definite answer. As long as there is widespread transmission in the community/locality, guidance requires in-room distancing. We will continue to work with the local health department and request a change in protocol as early as advisable. For now, residents are able to have escorted access to the courtyards for fresh air, which is being facilitated by nursing and recreation.

While the in-room restriction has many drawbacks, it may be helpful to know that we were one of the last communities, if not the last, which needed to eliminate all out-of-room mobility. Many communities have been required to be exclusively in-room since the quarantine began in March. Small consolation for each of you in-room today, though a positive of how long we were granted the ability to delay. Your participation and cooperation with each protocol we initiate has made a difference.

As I write this, we continue to have had only the two staff positive COVID-19 cases, reported to you last week, in Manor East and have no clusters of symptoms. All of the individuals identified through contract tracing have been tested and all results have been negative. We continue to screen employees and residents for any signs or symptoms of illness.

I have previously shared information about the Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) reporting requirement and how the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) would post numbers for each facility; as well as how we would report confirmed cases and/or clusters of individuals with symptoms. Due to the design of our campus and the similarity in requirements for health care and assisted living, we have found it beneficial to send a collective memo to all of Manor East and that practice will continue. When CMS starts posting information on facilities, they will only post information on health care facilities because skilled services (Medicare) and Medicaid are specific to the nursing home environment and CMS’ oversight is limited to that area. Therefore, whenever CMS begins reporting nursing home specific numbers, we will start reporting to you the number of any cases by licensed areas (DSS for AL and CMS for health care).

CMS will identify those numbers associated with our health care unit. This would be reflective of any resident or staff member on second floor Manor East. Assisted Living, licensed by the Department of Social Services (DSS), includes any resident or staff member on first floor Manor East (including memory support). If CMS were to start reporting numbers this week, you would see Covenant Woods listed as having one positive COVID-19 case because there were only one of the two from last week who worked in health care.

A quick reminder about Google Duo calls with residents: All requests need be made by Friday at noon the week before the intended call. Requests should be directed to Lauren Marwitz, Recreation Manager, at 804-569-8713 or lauren.marwitz@covenantwoods.com. If a resident does not require assistance with the call, you do not need to schedule an appointment.

Stay safe.