




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Manor East Residents and Responsible Parties  
**FROM:** Carrie Davis, Administrator   
**DATE:** May 8, 2020  
**RE:** Infection Control Updates

Let me first say Covenant Woods continues to have no suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 on campus. As I write this, we are still waiting to hear more from the Governor about Phase I. It is important to note that Phase I will have minimal impact on Manor East or our current protocol. What Phase I will do, is give us an opportunity to project the earliest we could see Phase III. Details have not been provided on how Phase III will affect long-term care facilities; we have been advised that in Phase III is when restrictions will start lifting for the Manor East portion of our Community.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have provided more information on how they will utilize information submitted by Skilled Nursing Facilities. In Hanover, we currently report daily on facility COVID-19 status, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies and significant staffing needs, to the State through the Virginia Hospital Alerting and Status System (VHASS) and the Hanover Facility Outreach Program. Weekly we are providing information on PPE and significant staffing needs to the Department of Social Services (DSS). As circumstances warrant, we are reporting to the Office of Licensure (OLC), DSS, and the local health department, in addition to other the scheduled updates.

Reporting to CDC will now be done on a weekly basis and cover combined numbers of residents and staff with confirmed COVID-19, those being tested for COVID-19, admissions and readmissions of individuals previously treated for COVID-19, total deaths related to COVID-19, census, access to testing, staffing shortages and PPE supplies. CMS will in turn post the information with weekly updates on [www.data.cms.gov](http://www.data.cms.gov). These postings are projected to begin at the end of this month.

News articles are circulating about Point Prevalence Testing (PPT). This type of testing is most often done when there is a cluster of new positive cases of COVID-19 in a nursing or assisted living facility. PPT entails testing multiple individuals in the facility to determine if anyone else who may have been casually or directly exposed to the person or person who tested positively may be COVID-19 positive and but not be showing symptoms yet or be asymptomatic. Residents and staff are included in the testing group. The Virginia Department of Health has not issued recommendations for facilities to do PPT unless there is a positive COVID-19 case in the facility. The conventional basis for this is that a negative result is only for that particular point in time and not indicative of the future. We will continue to follow the recommendations of our State and Local Health Department.

We appreciate your support and the encouragement you provide residents during this time of quarantine. Stay Safe.

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