



TEAM MEMBER UPDATES

Sept 2, 2020

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication as we remain Cedar Community Strong!

COVID-19 Testing Update

Thank you to all team members who tested earlier this week. This update normally goes out on Thursday, but we are sending it a day early, due to some additional testing requirements and dates for team members who work at the Cedar Lake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, all team members at the healthcare center, all direct care team members of assisted living, and all Cedar Ridge team members were tested for COVID-19—that was an astounding 445 tests! Thank you to the nursing and human resources team members who assisted with getting all of those tests completed.

As of today, we have been notified of two positive team members. Those team members, and anyone who had direct, prolonged contact with those team members have been notified. Due to the positive tests, both Cedar Bay East and Cedar Bay West are on a 14 day quarantine, meaning the temporary suspension of outdoor visits, salon services, and meals in the dining room for those residents.

Moving forward, per the mandates established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), all team members who work in or have offices located at the healthcare center are **required** as a condition of employment to be tested twice per week. The frequency of the testing is based on the total percentage of positive tests in all of Washington County. That percentage is updated weekly by CMS. If our testing frequency changes, we will notify you.

Based on those frequency requirements, testing of **ALL** healthcare center team members will be conducted tomorrow and Friday of this week.

- If you work in, or have an office located in the healthcare center, you are **required** to be tested at the Cedar Bay East parking lot on either Thursday the 3rd, between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m., or Friday the 4th between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. (please note the shorter hours on Friday).
- Beginning next week, **ALL** team members from the healthcare center will be **required** to be tested on Tuesday between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. **AND** on Friday between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- It is important to note that testing will be conducted **only** on Tuesday and Friday, and that all healthcare center team members are required to be tested on **BOTH** of those days.
- This Tuesday and Friday test schedule will continue until we are able to change the frequency of the tests, based on Washington County's total positive rate per CMS.

Due to this increased frequency requirement and limited testing supplies, we will **not** be doing additional testing of assisted living and independent living team members at this time.

We know these changes are happening quickly, and they can be confusing at times. If you have questions regarding the testing requirements, please reach out to Kelli DeRuyter at 262-306-2694, or Heather Suarez Del Real at 262-306-4274.

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