



A Senior Care Community

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Dear Family and Friends of the Home on 8<sup>th</sup>,

We have been notified of 2 new positive cases of COVID-19 at the Home on 8th with staff members. The staff members did have interaction with residents on the 4th and 5th neighborhoods. Please know we are working as quickly as possible to stop the spread of this virus.

With these new positive cases, we are considered to have an outbreak and will need to continue testing staff and residents on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> neighborhoods according to MDH guidelines. This testing will begin today. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and healthy. We continue to work with the MN Department of Health and Olmsted Public Health on safety measures. Once our outbreak testing is completed, we will resume testing of unvaccinated staff per CMS regulations.

**Unfortunately we need to continue to temporarily suspend visitation at the Home on 8<sup>th</sup>. When we are able to resume visitation, communication will occur on our website and Facebook page.**

Communication is key, and we will continue to update you on any news, emerging issues, or additional changes in our operations via the COVID-19 section of our website or by calling 1-507-476-9053 to hear messages from our staff regarding our COVID-19 response. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 507-424-4041 or [kberg@samaritanbethany.com](mailto:kberg@samaritanbethany.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kyla Berg  
Community Leader – Home on 8<sup>th</sup>