



A Senior Care Community

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

I want to let you know that we have been notified of 2 new positive cases of COVID-19 at the Home on 8th with staff members. The staff members had interaction with residents on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> neighborhoods in Cityview. Residents on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> neighborhoods have been placed on droplet precautions. No new resident cases have been identified. Please know we are working as quickly as possible to stop the spread of this virus.

We have implemented symptom screening three times a day for all residents at the Home on 8th. Any staff caring for residents in Cityview or Heritage will be wearing at a minimum a surgical facemask and face shield.

With these new positive cases, we are still considered to have an outbreak and will need to continue testing of all staff and residents in Cityview and Heritage Rehabilitation to every 3-7 days until we have identified the source of the outbreak. Once the source is identified we will continue testing weekly until testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 infection among staff or residents for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive result.

Window visits will resume for those residents not placed on droplet precautions. Hair care services are available for those residents not placed on droplet precautions.

Our priority is to keep everyone safe and healthy. We initiated aggressive proactive infection control measures and screening procedures, which we believe will help us manage this situation as effective as possible. We are working in collaboration with Olmsted County and the Minnesota Department of Health to ensure we are taking all appropriate steps. In addition, we are following all recommended guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention to protect our residents and staff from this virus and will continue to take every action possible to prevent it from spreading in our setting.

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>