



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Update:

12 New Positive Cases of COVID-19

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Yesterday and today, we received notification that eight Meadows Health Care Center residents and four additional Meadows Health Care Center team members tested positive for COVID-19.

- Eight Meadows Health Care Center residents were tested and the results were received on December 9. The residents are currently residing in isolation rooms, which we have previously prepared for this occurrence. Please be assured, that we are trained and well-equipped to safely care for these residents, while minimizing the risk of the spread of COVID-19 to other individuals. At this time, we have identified all team members and residents who have been in direct contact or had a potential exposure with these residents and their responsible party/family have been notified.
- Three **direct-care** team members were tested and the results were received on December 8 & 9. The team members were last on campus on December 8, and are currently off-campus. One **non-direct care** team member was tested and the results were received on December 8. The team member was last on campus on December 4, and is currently off-campus.

All test results were due to our 'Outbreak Testing' strategy, per guidance by the PA Department of Human Services and PA Department of Health. As COVID-19 testing progresses, these tests may result in additional COVID-19 positive cases. Symptoms of COVID-19 typically appear 2-14 days after a potential exposure, and we will be closely and actively monitoring all our residents and team members for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 within Meadows Health Care Center.

For all previously announced COVID-19 positive cases, please visit our website at www.telhai.org/COVID19 for a complete, historical listing.

COVID-19 Communication Reminders:

- While we strive for transparency in everything we do, please know that we are bound by federal guidelines under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which protect the privacy of team members and residents who may not want their condition known.
- We have notified public health officials as required and have enacted recommended procedures as a result of these COVID-19 positive test results. We have followed, and will continue to do so, all guidance set forth for privacy, patient care, resident and team member safety, and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- We appreciate your understanding as we continue to vigorously enforce all safety and security measures in place, as the wellbeing of residents and team members is our first priority. We ask that you support our community by following the recommendations set forth by the CDC including social distancing, wearing a mask and proper hand hygiene.

The public will be provided periodic updates on our efforts to combat COVID-19. Communication methods include written notices our website at www.telhai.org/Covid19 and on our 24-hour Tel Hai COVID-19 hotline at 484-796-4862.