## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

## 3-20-2023—Positive Residents

Today, 3/20/23 at approximately 5:24 p.m., we will celebrate the arrival of the Spring equinox! I assume we're all anxious to put away our coats and gloves and break out our summer best. But from my perspective, I'll happily continue wearing my coat and gloves for a little while longer, if we could just put Covid-19 behind us! This relentless virus is rearing its ugly head again, as we have identified several additional cases over the weekend and today.

Our contract tracing efforts have resulted in the identification of seven more positive residents: two on Saturday, two on Sunday, and three today. All residents are experiencing mild symptoms and are now isolating in our designated Covid section, and transmission based precautions have been implemented. We also identified three more positive staff members since our last posting. Positive staff is isolating at home for the required time period, and the NYS and local Departments of Health were notified and instructed us to continue testing, per current protocols.

Visitation is open but, if possible, you may want to take advantage of our "virtual visit" technology until the current situation resolves. Carolyn and her team can assist you to arrange that, if needed. Visitors should wear a well-fitted mask at all times while in the facility. And, after a team review this morning, the facility will eliminate visitor testing, effective immediately. As always, if you are feeling unwell or have been exposed to sickness, please do not visit the facility until you are symptom free.

Please continue to check this website for Covid updates and any important announcements, and resident specific questions or concerns should be directed to our nursing, social work, or administrative staff.

Be safe and stay well.

Pat Ludington, RN Administrator