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To: All Augsburg Residents and Families
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Subject: Path Forward Community Update



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Late last night, we received confirmation from our outside laboratory that the team member who tested positive for COVID-19 on the POC rapid testing machine also tested positive with the laboratory test. The employee has been at home since the rapid test and thankfully, is doing well.

We have completed contact tracing and fortunately, this team member only had direct interaction with one resident and indirect interaction with ten others. We have contacted all the families of residents affected and will be administering rapid tests.

Again, we do not believe this is a reason to panic. The team member was using PPE correctly and following infection control procedures.

This afternoon we had a call with the Baltimore County Department of Health to determine what changes we need to make. Below are protocols, broken down by service level for your convenience and all changes are effective immediately.

Skilled Nursing

- Next week we will begin weekly testing of residents and continue weekly testing of team members using an outside lab. Department of Health regulations do not allow us to use the rapid test machines if we have any active cases.
- We will only be able to offer glass door visits and virtual visits. We need to do this for 14 days without another positive case before being able to resume outdoor and indoor visitation. If another positive case occurs within the 14 days, the clock begins again at that point for another 14 days.
- Communal dining and small group activities will continue with the exception of the observation neighborhood (families of those on the observation neighborhood have been notified, if you did not receive communication from us, your loved one is their regular neighborhood).

Assisted Living

- Remains unchanged
- Outdoor visitation will continue and indoor visitation will start soon. We will send more information about this to assisted living families prior to starting.
- The salon will open next week
- Communal dining and small group activities will continue

MEMORANDUM

Independent Living

- No changes are necessary for independent living

We understand this is a disappointing setback and we are grateful for your patience, thoughts and prayers during this time. As a reminder, all updates can be found online at www.thevillageataugsburg.org/pathforward.