



Katie Richardson
VP/Administrator and Chief Long Term Care Officer

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Dear Resident and Resident Representative:

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center remains committed to updating our residents and representatives regularly. In the past 24 hours, there has been one staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19 as part of our weekly surveillance testing. This staff member has been removed from duty and will only be returned once appropriately cleared by a physician. There have not been any positive resident results and residents continue to be tested weekly and monitored daily for any potential signs and symptoms of respiratory illness. Our staff are now tested twice a week as per an updated Executive Directive from the Commissioner of Health. Robust cleaning processes remain in place on all units and areas throughout the medical center and staff awareness and education are ongoing.

We started our second dose COVID-19 vaccine immunizations yesterday for the residents and LTC staff. We saw minimal reactions to the second dose and many happy faces today from residents knowing they now have received both doses of the vaccine!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at 201.967.4013 or krichardson@newbridgehealth.org. I continue to encourage all of you to remain safe and healthy, wear a mask, maintain good hand hygiene and practice social distancing. As a reminder, visit our website at <https://www.newbridgehealth.org/covid-19-testing/> for information on COVID-19 testing for you or a loved one.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Richardson, LNHA
Chief Long Term Care Officer