



Katie Richardson
VP/Administrator and Chief Long Term Care Officer

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Dear Resident and Resident Representative:

As noted in my previous update, it is important that we continue to update our residents and representatives on a regular basis. Since my last communication, we have had thirteen additional positive COVID-19 cases. Many of our diagnosed cases continue to be asymptomatic but have been moved to our isolation unit for monitoring. I am happy to report that we have also had an additional four COVID-19 recovered cases which brings our total number of recovered residents to forty-one. As a reminder, in order to be considered in the recovered category, a resident must be fourteen days post positive swab result and be asymptomatic for a minimum of three days. We are also adding an additional step of lab work prior with a re-swab and an antibody blood test, referred to as IgG, prior to moving back to the unit. All results will be reviewed with the resident and/or representative. We work closely with the physician to determine if the resident is able have isolation precautions discontinued and return back to their original room. Any recovered resident is cheered on by our staff as they leave the COVID unit and welcomed back with cheers to his/her original room as this is such a positive moment!

Many of our staff who had COVID-19 positive results have fully recovered and returned to work. We have had two positive staff results since my last communication. We are continuing to screen our employees daily to ensure there are no signs/symptoms or respiratory illness. We remain hypervigilant with our robust cleaning protocols throughout the Medical Center.

As in previous letters, if you do not receive this communication via email, please reach out to me using the contact information below so we can add you to our email distribution list. Beginning Monday, May 4, 2020, update letters will be emailed and can also be found on our website, www.newbridgehealth.org, under the Long Term Care Family and Friends link. If you would like to continue receiving these update via hard copy through the mail, please contact me directly so we can continue with the mailing.

The long term care employees cannot thank you enough for the support you have communicated and provided. While it has been challenging for our residents not to see their loved ones in person, it has been a wonderful experience for us to watch them communicate with you via FaceTime and other platforms. If you would like to communicate with your loved one this way, please reach out to me directly.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact met at 201.967.4013 or krichardson@newbridgehealth.org

Sincerely,

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