



January 10, 2022

Dear Family Member,

I want to update you that we have identified one more positive resident and three more positive staff members. I would be lying if I did not tell you how difficult it is right now. Due to the number of staff members who are quarantined at this time, staffing is a big struggle. The new guidance from the CDC does make a way for recovered COVID positive staff to return to work a lot quicker than in the past. Some may return as soon as five days later if asymptomatic. We are using all the resources available to us across the Oneida Health Network.

If you saw or heard of the Governor's most recent press conference, she announced a couple requirements that will effect nursing homes. Health care workers will be required to get the COVID-19 booster as part of the vaccine mandate. The other major factor effecting nursing homes is that we are now mandated to require all visitors to present a negative COVID test within 24 hours of the visit. This mandate will be effective Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Our Visitor Response Plan will be updated on our website to reflect this change as we learn more from NY State Department of Health. I have included testing information from the Madison County Public Health Department.

I apologize for this terrible inconvenience. Please remember, we do not make these rules, but are regulated to follow them. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Fortunato Scerbo III

Administrator