



January 11, 2021

Dear Family Member,

Over the weekend, one of our second floor residents exhibited some COVID symptoms. After rapid testing the resident, it was confirmed that the resident was positive for the virus. The resident was moved to our fifth floor COVID unit. All other residents on the second floor were also rapid tested and all resulted as negative. This brings our total to 4 COVID positive residents. We suspect that the resident who tested positive may have contracted COVID prior to coming to the Extended Care Facility for short term rehabilitation. Even though new residents are tested prior to admission, it is possible that they can test negative while in the hospital and the virus go undetected for days. All of our residents remain isolated to their rooms as much as possible to prevent the spread of infection. Although this is not ideal, we feel this will prevent the spread of the virus from resident to resident. Our staff continue to utilize all the proper personal protective equipment, such as gowns, gloves, N95 respirators, and face shields, to prevent the spread of infection.

Today we will conduct our weekly COVID testing of all ECF Residents. Tomorrow, all the ECF staff will receive the first of their two required tests per week as per the new NY State guidelines. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

*Fortunato Scerbo III*

Administrator