

Coronavirus Response: ACTIVE COVID CASES IN INDEPENDENT LIVING

Today, we are aware of two COVID-positive residents in Independent Living. Both can be sourced to offcampus exposure. That is, there is no evidence to suggest on-campus transmission at this time.

We have notified public health officials and are following procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. We are taking every step to contain the virus as recommended by authorities. We want to make residents, their families, and our dedicated staff aware of this situation and reassure everyone that we are actively managing the cases so as to minimize the threat to others. To do this, we ask for your cooperation and flexibility as we move forward.

The individuals and any other persons sharing living quarters in the same unit are quarantined in their homes. Contact tracing is being completed and any resident(s) with potential exposure has been or soon will be notified, quarantined, and also tested according to Health Department recommendations.

At this time, Carolina Village will not alter current operations. Activities, housekeeping, etc. will continue as planned, but this may change if the situation warrants it.

- The Main Dining Room will remain closed for dine-in, which has significantly decreased the opportunity for community spread. Meals are available through take-out or delivery.
- Housekeeping will operate on normal schedule, though it is subject to change. As has been the practice, Housekeeping will not enter units that are under quarantine.
- Please be very cautious when around those who do not share your living quarters. Continue to wear your face mask in shared spaces. Both current cases are among fully vaccinated individuals. Please, for your own safety, do not assume that fully vaccinated individuals cannot acquire COVID.

IT REMAINS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO:

- Inform ILS IMMEDIATELY if you are feeling unwell, showing signs of COVID, or being tested for COVID, even if you have already talked to your primary physician;
- **Wear a mask** in all shared spaces and when around those who do not share your household;
- Practice routine and vigorous hand-washing of at least 30 seconds with soap and warm water;
- **Socially distance yourself from others**, including remaining at least 6 feet from others;

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- **Inform us of ANY travel off campus**, using the Absence Notification Form on the Hub or by calling the front desk;
- **Report any concerns to ILS immediately**, including requests for neighbor well-checks, previous visitors who are now COVID-positive, etc.;
- **SAFELY communicate** with neighbors (especially if they are quarantined!), family, and friends using telephone, email, social media, etc. Please do not risk your own health.
- **Stay abreast of campus updates** by monitoring the Hub ("Emergency Information >> Coronavirus Preparedness") and www.carolinavillage.com/news/coronavirus-preparedness.
- Be prepared for any situation developments.

We continue to ask for your cooperation during this time. While we certainly understand the fear and uncertainty surrounding this development, our focus remains on the health and well-being of our community.

Thank you.

IN OTHER NEWS...

Please be prepared for changes in traffic flow next week, near the gatehouse project.

- Work, scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday, weather permitting, will mean that two-way traffic will be diverted to the graveled area.
- There will NOT be a flagger present, so please be extra cautious and yield to any oncoming traffic.

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