

Friends House Retirement Community Inc.



August 13, 2020

Dear Residents & Family Members,

Please see the chart below for our most current numbers related to positive COVID cases for both residents and staff. These numbers are reflective from the start of the pandemic.

We had no positive tests for staff that were tested last week. We will continue to test all staff weekly for the foreseeable future and will test all residents on the health care units, if a staff member comes back with a positive result. The future weeks of testing for staff will be a cost that Friends House will be absorbing.

Last week all residents that were tested ultimately had negative results. We did have a resident that initially tested positive. We believed this individual had a false positive results. After two subsequent negative tests, the resident was discharged off the COVID unit.

We hope everyone is making time for window visits. If you would like to have a window visit, please call the front desk of Stabler Hall during regular business hours to schedule a window visit or feel free to request a Skype or FaceTime call. The number is 301-924-7531.

Our visiting hours are 7 days a week, from 9 am to 6 pm. We ask that you limit your visits to 30 minutes per day so all families may have time to participate.

In the meantime, please know that we value this time with your loved one. We consider them part of our own extended family, seeking to give them the best services, care and attention that we ourselves would want in such a circumstance.

The added cost burden of all the testing without additional funding, not to mention the time and staff who are pulled away to administer the process has placed a heavy burden on communities like Friends House. Some have asked how they can help. If you feel so inclined and would like to contribute to helping our team during this time of the

coronavirus, please contact Anne Derby at 301-924-7510 or aderby@friendshouse.com, or go to this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Giv3>.

Our latest results since the beginning of COVID-19 are:

	#Positives	#Deaths	#Returned to Work	#Became Negative	#Still Positive
Healthcare Residents	20	6	N/A (not applicable)	14	0
Staff	20	0	19	N/A (not applicable)	1

We will update the COVID-19 section of our website as new information is available.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding. We continue to work with The Maryland Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local health departments in monitoring the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

Please remember that the virus has not gone away so it is still important to remain vigilant and stay healthy.

Stay Safe,

Friends House Management