



December 22, 2020

Dear Residents & Family Members,

We are committed to keeping you well informed of updates and changes with the impact of COVID-19 on our Friends House community. Please see the chart below for our current numbers related to positive COVID-19 cases for both residents and staff. These numbers are reflective from the very start of the pandemic. There has been one additional positive case since the last update. This staff member tested positive at their other job. We are obligated to report them on our line list as well as their other facility. Additionally, there have been residents transitioning off the COVID unit and staff returning to work after being on isolation protocol.

We continue to test staff twice a week. We continue to test residents once per week. Additionally, we screen all staff before they report for their shift and screen residents daily for symptoms of COVID-19. We quickly act when staff and/or residents test positive.

Vaccine update:

We have been notified that Friends House will have three scheduled vaccination clinics. We are working with various organizations to get a date sooner than has initially been assigned to us, which is February 8, 2021 for our first date to receive vaccinations. We believe that this may actually be our second date for vaccination administration but do not yet have confirmation.

We will not directly receive a supply of the vaccination. Rather, CVS pharmacy will bring the vaccine to Friends House and administer it during these scheduled clinic days. Residents and staff must complete consent forms and provide copies of insurance cards in advance of the CVS team clinic. The vaccination is available at no cost to residents and staff. CVS will charge each individual's insurance plan for any clinic or vaccination administrative cost. These vaccinations are for residents who reside in the Health Care buildings and Friends House staff.

More information about the vaccination will follow as we receive it. Please check the Friends House website often for updates.

There will be no indoor or outdoor visits but we will continue ~~with~~ window visits at least through the New Year. We hope everyone who is able to is enjoying window visits with your loved one. If you would like to schedule a window visit, please call the front desk of Stabler Hall during regular business hours to schedule a time, or feel free to request a Skype or FaceTime call. The number is 301-924-7531. If you would like to schedule a window visit or FaceTime call for a resident who lives in Haviland Hall (Assisted Living), please call 301-924-7518.

The added cost of testing and additional personal protective equipment 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: (As of December 21, 2020)

	#Positives	#Deaths	#Returned to Work	#Became Negative	#Still Positive
Healthcare Residents	30	6	N/A (not applicable)	20	4
Staff	32	0	28	N/A (not applicable)	4

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