

Special Edition: Universal Testing

COVID-19 Advisory



To: Willow Valley Communities Residents
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Subject: Positive COVID-19 Residents at The Glen Following Universal Testing

Special Edition* **Universal COVID-19 Testing in Skilled Care**

As announced previously, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) has mandated universal COVID-19 testing for *Skilled Care* Team Members and Residents. Skilled Care areas at Willow Valley Communities are located at The Glen and Lakeside. Due to the large size of our community, we anticipate that universal testing will include close to 1,000 individuals from these areas by the end of June. With nearly 1,000 tests occurring within just two weeks, asymptomatic Residents and/or Team Members testing positive for COVID-19 are not unexpected.

Willow Valley Communities began its mandated universal testing this week. Results from a portion of these tests have been returned. From these results, four (4) Residents at The Glen have tested positive for COVID-19. All four are asymptomatic (no symptoms or illness related to COVID-19).

Willow Valley Communities is following protocols for contact with appropriate government agencies and is taking every step possible to limit further exposure. Willow Valley Communities has implemented its contact tracing protocols to identify any known person (Residents and/or Team Members) with whom the affected Residents may have had exposure that requires additional risk mitigation. Other Residents (and/or their POAs) residing on the same community unit as the COVID-19 positive Residents will be notified and will be closely monitored and continually assessed for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. All Team Members working on the affected community unit have been educated about specialized risk mitigation equipment and protocols, and will follow government health agency protocols for self-monitoring and daily screening. All four COVID-19 positive Residents have been transferred to the COVID-19 specialized unit at The Glen, not because they are ill, but for the purpose of separating them from other Residents at The Glen as well as for observation.

Willow Valley Communities has been taking proactive measures to protect Residents and Team Members since first knowledge of COVID-19. The community has been adhering to, and in many cases exceeding, the recommended control measures and guidelines of the PA DOH, CDC, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Control measures are continuously updated as new information becomes available.

**Note on Special Edition for Universal Testing:* As required universal testing continues, any COVID-19 positive test results from universal testing will be reported once weekly (each Friday) in a special edition of the COVID-19 Advisory, such as this one.