

# *Special Edition: Universal Testing*

## **COVID-19 Advisory**



**To:** Willow Valley Communities Residents  
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**Subject:** 3 Positive Residents and 8 Positive Team Members via Universal Testing

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### ***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. Subsequently, the PA Department of Human Services (DHS) mandated universal COVID-19 testing for *Personal Care* (PC) Team Members and Residents. PC areas at Willow Valley Communities are located at The Glen and Meadow Ridge.

The first round of Personal Care universal testing at both Meadow Ridge and The Glen has been nearly completed with the following results: In these communities, all PC Resident testing results are in; all PC Residents have tested negative. In these communities, most, but not all, PC Team Member results are in; all of those test results returned thus far for PC Team Members are negative. Only a handful of results are still outstanding.

Since the July 24, 2020 COVID-19 Advisory Special Edition for universal testing, six (6) Team Members at Lakeside, two (2) Team Members at The Glen, one (1) Resident at Lakeside, and two (2) Residents at The Glen have tested positive for COVID-19 through Skilled Care universal testing. The COVID-19 positive Residents and Team Members were asymptomatic at the time of their COVID-19 tests.

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 implemented its contact tracing protocols to identify any known persons (Residents and/or Team Members) with whom the affected Team Members and Residents may have had exposure that requires additional risk mitigation. Willow Valley Communities has implemented additional precautionary measures and enhanced monitoring within the units in which the COVID-19 positive Team Members worked.

Other Residents (and/or their POAs) residing in the same community units as the COVID-19 positive Residents were notified and are being 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. We will continue to work with diligence and resolve to protect Willow Valley Communities' Residents and Team Members by implementing and adhering to, or exceeding, the most current recommended protocols and guidelines of the expert authorities in the medical and scientific communities.