Special Edition: Universal Testing

COVID-19 Advisory

To: Willow Valley Communities Residents
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Subject: 2 Positive Residents and 1 Positive Team Member via Universal Testing

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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.

Since the August 7, 2020 COVID-19 Advisory Special Edition for universal testing was distributed, two (2) Residents at The Glen and one (1) Team Member at Lakeside have tested positive for COVID-19 through universal testing. The Team Member’s last day of work at Willow Valley Communities was August 10. The COVID-19 positive Residents and Team Member were all 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 Residents and Team Member may have had exposure that requires additional risk mitigation. Willow Valley Communities has implemented additional precautionary measures and enhanced monitoring within the unit in which the COVID-19 positive Team Member 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.