



November 25, 2020

TO OUR RESIDENTS, RESIDENT CONTACTS, EMPLOYEES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND PHYSICIANS:

As of November 23, 2020, CC Young has reported 13 residents and 6 employees testing positive for COVID-19. Each notification and additional updates may be found on our website for your review: www.ccyoung.org.


As a result of these positive COVID-19 results, CC Young implemented contact tracing, containment and isolation protocols. All COVID-19 positive residents were relocated to another facility and staff were placed in off-campus quarantine to recover. Additionally, the following steps have been taken: all visitations for memory support residents on The Vista's 4th floor were, and continue to be, suspended; Facetime visits are suspended due to the restriction of only essential staff on the floors; testing and screening for residents and staff has continued; the 4th floor common area and individual rooms have had more frequent electrostatic disinfecting processes. Residents initially infected are recovering and are gradually returning to CC Young as a result. Thankfully, frequent testing with multiple negative results indicates no active presence of COVID-19 on the 4th floor at this time. The timeline of our testing:

- 11/5: 1st testing of all residents and staff after initial positive resident. Additional 2 residents and 1 staff positive.
- 11/9: 2nd retest of all residents and staff. Additional 7 residents and 2 staff positive.
- 11/13: 3rd retest of all residents and staff. Additional 3 residents positive, 1 resident inconclusive. Additional testing on inconclusive resident completed with a positive result on 11/19. Zero staff positive.
- 11/17: 4th retest of all residents and staff. Zero residents and zero staff positive.
- 11/21: 5th retest of all residents and staff. Zero residents and zero staff positive.
- 11/25: 6th retest of all residents and staff. Zero residents and zero staff positive.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) recently released county-wide testing statistics for the week ending 11/14/2020 in which the provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases increased to **1,321**, which is a rate of **50.1** daily new cases per 100,000 residents-- the highest case rate in Dallas County since the beginning of the pandemic. On 11/21/2020, Dallas County reported 2,180 new cases – its highest number throughout this pandemic.

This positivity rate requires CC Young and all Dallas County nursing facilities to test employees twice weekly. CC Young has also implemented weekly testing for our assisted living and memory support staff. Our testing is with antibody or antigen test kits, depending on which is available. CC Young purchased COVID-19 testing equipment in early summer and received that equipment this fall. Cepheid antigen test kits have recently been received that allow us to test and generate test results within 45 minutes.





Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins, has requested that Gov. Greg Abbott enforce stricter guidelines for Dallas County or to allow the county to do so as a means of reducing community spread of COVID-19. Judge Jenkins requested that he be able to implement a stronger mask mandate, close down indoor dining, close gyms, limit all gatherings to no more than 10 people and enhance visitation restrictions in long-term care and healthcare facilities. There has been no change in Gov. Abbott's mandate to date. CC Young must comply with these orders and cannot eliminate visitations. However, we encourage each resident and family to consider the current statistics when planning your holidays. Please consider deferring visits as a means to protect yourselves and your loved ones.

Now is the time to continue our joint vigilance in fighting this virus. We appreciate your continued patience and support. Together, supporting one another, we will get through this difficult and challenging time.

Russell Crews, President and CEO

