



TO All Residents, Their Families and POAs  
All Staff Members

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SUBJ UPDATE: Positive Test Result for One Third Party Caregiver

Late on Thursday, an outside agency notified us about a positive test result for a caregiver who is a third-party provider taking care of safety checks and medication management services for one independent living resident. We notified this resident and family and offered testing for the resident.

While at Smith Village, this healthcare professional wore a face mask and gloves, and did not have close contact with residents. This third-party caregiver stayed home as soon as symptoms of the virus presented themselves and has not been on our campus since before being tested and receiving results.

According to new guidelines for long-term care facilities published by Illinois Department of Public Health, we are informing you when we receive notice of one or more confirmed infections of COVID-19.

***Smith Village continues to follow all guidelines***

We have established a designated area in our community for COVID-19 positive residents as recommended by the CDC and local health authorities.

Our staff wears appropriate PPE, which includes gowns, masks, goggles and face shields, in order to prevent the spread of infection. This is just one of many guidelines that Smith Village follows to protect the safety and well-being of all residents and staff members.

Please be confident we continue to follow all the protocols and practices directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.