



TO: All Jacaranda Trace Club Members
FROM: Gail Chase
DATE: June 17, 2020
RE: COVID-19 /Coronavirus Update #27

As we have promised to remain transparent throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we are informing you we have had an employee in the Memory Care/Assisted Living test positive for COVID-19. The employee last worked in the Memory Care Building on June 8th. On June 9th, the employee called reporting “a runny nose” and was advised to stay home. While working the employee was asymptomatic, but the precautionary COVID-19 test completed by the employee, at an offsite location, resulted in a positive result. Fortunately, for us, the Governor’s mandated testing of all Assisted Living/Memory Care staff was conducted on June 11th, a full 3 days following potential exposure to this staff member. *We are happy to report that all employee reports received tested negative.* Fortunately, our employee who tested positive reports feeling well and is in good spirits. This employee will not be returning to work until the quarantine period is ended and two negative tests, at least 24 hours apart, have been conducted.

All staff continue to follow best practice infection control procedures and wear masks at all times. We continue to monitor the health of our residents closely. We are continuing our check of resident temperatures and oxygen levels on each shift. We also monitor for any signs of infection or change of condition.

All appropriate agencies including the Department of Health and Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) have been notified. The Department of Health will schedule a site visit to review and inspect Freedom Senior Management’s Infection Control Plan that is in place. This is mandated protocol for any positive case in any Assisted Living community in Florida.



Management feels the control protocols that are in place are being followed by staff as evidenced by the employee reporting she had a “runny nose”. That was the only initial symptom this employee exhibited. We continue to emphasize to staff to remain vigilant in following these implemented protocol measures and to report even the slightest symptoms so that we may take the appropriate action. Please also note, as part of the aggressive statewide fight against COVID-19, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) issued an Emergency Order on June 16, 2020 requiring all Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing staff to be tested every two weeks.

With the loosening of restrictions and people beginning to venture back out into the community, it is important that we continue to strictly adhere to the protocols that we have in place. Continue to wear your masks when outside of your condo, continue to report any sickness or temperatures above 99.6, continue to monitor out-of-state travel and out-of-state visitors. Vigilance is the key to maintaining the safety of our communities.

As always please remain cautious and continue to practice your safety measures.

Thank you for all your efforts and everything that each of you do to help keep us all safe and healthy.

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