

Greetings,

Case rates continue to rise. We have very high vaccination rates and especially amongst our residents – high booster rates. Boosters translate to milder symptoms of Covid and much diminished chance of serious illness.

This new variant able to partly bypass some of the prevention parts of the vaccine. Also, with our having no control on visitors or their vaccination status; it is likely at some point a resident or staff may get sick at WFC.

We have tested and detected ONE positive resident in Cranberry Cottage. The room has been placed on isolation and all residents and all staff (working and not) are being tested 1/29, 1/31, and 2/2 out of an abundance of caution.

We have had NO staff test positive for COVID-19 this week. We have 2 staff at home with symptoms and negative COVID tests. There has been no spread from Staff to staff, staff to resident, or resident to resident at this time. We are communicating with Public Health and State of Alaska for up-to-date guidance.

We are following current CDC Guidelines for Health Care Workers which can be found at CDCs site. These are MORE RESTRICTIVE than the current general public recommendations of the last week. We at Wildflower Court continue to have sufficient testing and Protection Equipment to properly deal with any challenges we can foresee. We test staff weekly and as needed based symptoms or exposure and do not allow those with symptoms to work. Additionally, we continue to test all residents who may have early respiratory and Covid type symptoms.

Please continue to follow masking and social distancing recommendations, keep your bubbles small, and get vaccinated if you have not already.

If you are SICK with new symptoms – we ask that you use other means of communication until feeling better. There are testing kits for you to test at home - if at home test is positive then, you are positive. The tests with two tests BOTH are required 36 HOURS APART to demonstrate a negative test (2 tests =1 answer). Any one positive test = Positive

Masks are REQUIRED in all common areas – exceptions are with residents in their rooms, and only with permission of residents or Powers of Attorney if applicable.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, Thank you for your time,



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