

Community Health Update - January 7, 2022

NEW FORMAT FOR ANNOUNCING CASES OF COVID-19

As the pandemic continues and evolves, we are adjusting to a more sustainable communication process. Instead of posting a Community Health Update each time there are new cases, we will keep a real-time tracker available on the Kya Coronavirus page and on the readerboard. This tracker will also include details about the current status of Assisted Living and the C&R.

Thorough contact tracing will continue and we will notify individual residents who are identified as a potential close contact to someone who has tested positive.

CORONAVIRUS LATEST UPDATES

POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS

Week of January 3, 2022*

	Monday 1/3	Tuesday 1/4	Wednesday 1/5	Thursday 1/6	Friday 1/7	Weekly Total
Clinical Employees**	4	2			4	10
Non-Clinical Employees	1					1
C&R Residents						
AL Residents						
IL Residents		1				1

*Results received over the weekend are included in Monday's total.

** Clinical employees include everyone who works in the C&R or Assisted Living.

Current Status of the C&R: All units of the C&R are currently impacted by positive cases. At this time there are no new admissions and no group dining or activities. Visitation is limited to approved compassionate care and essential support situations.

Current Status of Assisted Living: Assisted Living currently has 0 cases of COVID-19. Residents are able to participate in group dining and activities. Scheduled in-person visits are permitted.

MASK USAGE

Cloth masks have gotten us through nearly two years of the pandemic. With the highly transmissible omicron variant quickly spreading, many health experts are recommending a mask upgrade. Surgical masks and respirators (such as N95 and KN95) are being recommended for more effective protection. The key is to ensure your mask is well-fitted (no gaps) and worn properly (covering your nose and mouth).

If you have questions about mask usage or if you would like assistance finding a resource for high quality face masks, contact Marla LeFevre at x7564 or marla.lefevre@panorama.org.

UPDATED QUARANTINE/ISOLATION GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC

[Why CDC Shortened Isolation and Quarantine for the General Population](#)

“On January 4, CDC updated COVID-19 isolation and quarantine recommendations with shorter isolation (for asymptomatic and mildly ill people) and quarantine periods of 5 days to focus on the period when a person is most infectious, followed by continued masking for an additional 5 days... Preliminary data suggest that the Omicron variant is up to three times more infectious than the Delta variant. With the recommended shorter isolation and quarantine periods, it is critical that people continue to wear well-fitting masks and take additional precautions for 5 days after leaving isolation or quarantine. In addition, isolation should only end if a person has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have resolved...Mask use and layered prevention strategies, such as receiving all recommended vaccination and booster doses, physical distancing, screening testing, and improved ventilation, are key to preventing COVID-19 and decreasing transmission.”

If you are sick and have questions about testing or quarantine/isolation guidelines, please contact Marla LeFevre at x7564 or marla.lefevre@panorama.org.