



# Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury

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## Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) UPDATE – August 6, 2020

**To: All RWC Residents, Responsible Family Members (of Health Services Residents), Staff and Board:**

RWC conducted COVID-19 testing of all Health Center and Assisted Living residents and all staff on July 30. Very thankfully, **there were NO positive results for residents or staff.** With this testing cycle, we have completed two consecutive testing cycles (July 23 and July 30) with all Health Services residents and all staff testing NEGATIVE.

We were informed late Wednesday, August 5, that an external health care provider (hospice employee) tested positive for COVID-19. This hospice provider last saw RWC residents who receive hospice services on Friday, July 31. Hospice contacted RWC and those residents and/or responsible family members of the residents served by the hospice provider to make them aware of this. Those residents served by the hospice provider are quarantining in their rooms or homes, are being regularly monitored for signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and vital signs, and will be offered testing today. Staff members who may have had prolonged contact with the hospice provider or those residents under the hospice provider's care will also be offered testing. Staff caring for the residents served by the hospice provider will be utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment until we receive the results of today's tests. We are treating this with an abundance of caution. Dr. Bryant and our clinical team are closely monitoring the residents, and we have been in contact with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to apprise them of the hospice provider situation and our preventative measures.

Since the beginning of March we have instituted and updated protocols to respond to the developing COVID-19 pandemic. Our COVID-19 Task Force meets each weekday, and we continue to follow the developing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). All staff members are screened at the beginning of each shift before reporting to work with questions about COVID-19 symptoms and possible exposures and a temperature check. Staff and residents wear masks to reduce the risk of asymptomatic transmission of the virus. As you know, we have continued to enhance our prevention and preparedness steps as more guidance is released. This will continue for the foreseeable future. It remains critically important for each of us to do all you can to prevent the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus and to reduce chances for exposure to the virus:

### **PLEASE CONTINUE TO VIGILANTLY:**

- Wash your hand frequently and vigorously.
- Wear masks properly when outside of your residence or room.
- Maintaining safe social distances from each other (6 feet) especially in other common area encounters and out in public.
- You are safer at home, on campus, and out of community circulation unless absolutely necessary.
- Practice respiratory etiquette by using coughing and sneezing precautions.

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