

**Update: 8/16/2020**

*As of this morning two additional staff persons tested positive for COVID-19 outside the testing ordered in response to the case identified August 14. Contact tracing is being completed and we are expanding our testing in response. Further updates will be made as information and activities are completed.*



August 14, 2020

Dear Residents and Family,

We continue to have zero residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. However, each week we send several staff presenting with any symptom of COVID-19, to be tested. We do not allow any ill staff to work. I was notified this morning that one of our staff tested positive.

We are working closely with local and state authorities and are taking action in accordance with their guidance and our existing plans. We have been advised to begin testing Monday August 16 to avoid potential false negative tests due to testing too soon. We are testing 36 residents and staff.

Residents and their DPOAs will be called directly by a Brewster representative if they need to be tested. **You do not need to do anything if you have not been called directly; this letter is for informational purposes only.**

The Brewster Health Center has been moved to the Red Phase pending results of testing. Group activities have been canceled and all scheduled visits to Brewster Health Center are canceled. These measures are implemented to mitigate the risk of any exposure and spread of COVID-19. Please find details on the operational changes that occur under the Red Phase on our website [www.Brewsterliving.org](http://www.Brewsterliving.org)

Be assured we are moving with the utmost of concern and caution to identify and mitigate risks to the extent possible. At this point, there are no symptomatic residents or staff members in the Brewster Health Center.

I will update you as soon as we have additional information. In the meantime, it is very important you continue with the safe practices of vigorous hand washing, wearing of a face covering that covers both your mouth and nose in public, and maintaining social distance.

Joe Ewert

President and CEO