

October 14, 2020

Dear Family Members,

I am updating you with the latest news about COVID-19 here at Kavod Senior Life.

TESTING

Independent Living (IL)

All Independent/Senior Living residents who were willing and able were screened for COVID-19 last Friday, 10/9/20. All should have already received a phone call from the public health department with the results.

If anyone received news of a POSITIVE test, we need him/her to 1) call their Care Coordinator immediately, 2) begin isolating in their apartment and 3) work with Kavod to discuss the requirements to end the isolation period. If you can assist us in this process, it will help us more quickly identify and abate the virus.

Assisted Living (AL)

Assisted Living surveillance testing started on September 25, 2020. They are in the 3rd week of the testing process, and expect the testing to continue for an additional 5 weeks.

CASE UPDATE

As of today, we have 8 confirmed cases, 7 of which are isolating on campus, 1 is off campus. We had 11 last week; two were resolved, one unfortunately passed away in the hospital. We have seven positive cases among staff, who are isolating at home. Anyone who has had contact with these residents or employees have been notified. Our numbers change quite quickly so we will keep you updated as best we can. We report all our numbers to the CDPHE, so you can check out their website also at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-outbreak-data>

CAMPUS MODIFICATIONS

Kavod has made some changes to reduce any spread of the virus as advised by The Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) as follows:

- All outside chairs have been removed; benches are taped off so only one person may sit at a time
- The gym, computer lab and English library are now closed
- All chairs in main lobbies and elevator landings have been removed; one chair is available if someone needs to wait for a ride
- Chairs on the bridge and on the Health and Wellness deck have been removed
- The goal of these changes is to avoid gatherings and virus spread

VENTILATION

A few residents have been worried about the virus being carried by air through apartments. We have assured them – and you – that air is not exchanged between apartments or common areas. If they smell an odor through their fan unit, it is being picked up from the hallway, not directly from another apartment. Hallway air is also not circulated from apartments.

MASK PROTOCOL

In addition to wearing a mask any time outside their apartments, we need residents to also wear it inside their apartment ***when a caregiver or essential visitor is inside***. That person also must be masked. Please emphasize this fact with any caregivers you may have arranged to help serve your loved one.

We have also advised residents to get their flu shot. Influenza is another virus that is especially dangerous for older adults and be transmitted to others easily.

If you have further questions, call our hotline at 303.591.4890. We will continue to keep you and our community informed of changes in the situation.

Sincerely, Michael Klein,
President and CEO