



30 July 2020

Dear Residents/Family Members,

Last week, I mentioned that we hoped to announce a date for Independent Living COVID-19 testing this week. With apologies for the short notice, we now have that date. The Houston Health Department informed us yesterday evening that they will be onsite tomorrow morning, starting at 9am. We anticipate the testing team will be onsite for 2-3 hours and hope that those of you who wish to be tested can be available during that time frame.

The test being conducted is a nasal swab, which is considered the most reliable test at this time. The one negative issue with this test is that it does NOT measure anti-bodies, so will not indicate if someone may have been positive in the past, only current.

We will be setting up in the community center and there will be seating (social distanced) available in the event you need to wait, depending on the traffic flow.

In addition to the independent living residents, we are also re-testing Assisted Living residents and staff members who do NOT work in skilled nursing. Our Skilled Nursing residents and the staff who work in that area will be scheduled for a different date.

If you have not yet returned your release authorization, issued with last week's letter, please bring the release with you to the testing.

Once again, I apologize for the late notice, however we are working within the schedule dictated by the Health Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Harold Ermshar  
Executive Director