

To: All Evergreen Residents

Residents and Families of Evergreen,

I'm writing to you today in an effort to keep you informed of what Evergreen is doing in regards to the prevention and planning of Covid-19. This winter has been a light year for illness at Evergreen and we're very grateful. Our staff are required to receive the influenza vaccine and 95% of our residents have also been vaccinated.

Yesterday the Department of Public Health of Wisconsin informed long-term care facilities and assisted living infection control staff that a rise in Covid-19 cases in the state is expected. Wisconsin clinicians may now approve and order testing for their patients and with increased testing, the numbers of positive results may rise.

Currently, Evergreen has implemented the following measures to prevent illness:

- Staff is trained in using good hand hygiene, using protective equipment when necessary and watching for changes in condition related to illness.
- Evergreen has updated policies to include Covid-19 and outbreak plans are in place.
- Housekeeping is increasing disinfection of 'high-touch surfaces'.
- Puzzles and items that cannot be disinfected are being removed from public areas.
- Evergreen is being diligent in enforcing our staff illness policy with extra attention to when staff can return to work.
- Evergreen is monitoring CDC and Public Health websites several times a day for updates and discussing issues with Oshkosh Public Health as needed.
- School group visits to the building have been discontinued.

Moving forward, we ask that all visitors to our health center utilize the Creekview Café door (door 4) and all visitors going to assisted living use the Garden Building entrance (door 3). We also ask that all visitors sign-in to our log books with your name, date of visit, who you are visiting and where you will be in the building. The log book will assist us in determining who may have been in contact with Covid-19 in the case of a positive test result.

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If you are feeling ill, develop a fever, shortness of breath or cough, we ask that you do not visit Evergreen at this time.

In the event of a community outbreak, you can expect the following:

- Evergreen will screen for illness of all visitors before allowing entry.
 - All visitors may be restricted if instructed by Public Health.
- Increase resident illness screening to two times per day.
- Stop all group activities.
- Minimize movement within the Evergreen building as much as possible.
- Work with Public Health for the best possible outcome.

As always, we will keep families updated if your loved one is ill or if illness should occur. Our goal is to be as prepared as possible while we pray for the best!

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