



Memorandum
October 5th, 2020

To: Evergreen Independent Living Residents
Re: COVID-19

Over the weekend one Independent Living resident tested positive for COVID-19. Evergreen staff contacted Winnebago Public Health and is following their guidance. People who were known to have been in contact with the resident were contacted and Evergreen will continue all precautions and make adjustments as needed.

While we strive for transparency in everything we do, please remember that we are bound by federal guidelines under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which protects the privacy of our residents and staff.

COVID-19 positive result procedure for Independent Living:

If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, staff would assess your condition and work with Winnebago Public Health to determine the best course of action. Each person is unique and each case would be handled individually. Possible plans could include:

- Self-isolation in your accommodation. No visitors will be allowed.
- Evergreen would help provide services as needed i.e. food and grocery delivery.
- Evergreen at Home, home health support via phone assessments and in-person nursing assessments as the illness warrants.
- Hospitalization.
- Transfer to Evergreen Health Center

If diagnosed, questions you should be prepared to answer:

- What are your current symptoms?
- Who would you like us to communicate with on your behalf?
- Who you have been in contact with in the last 48 hours?
- Information on advanced directives and power of attorney.

If you or a fellow resident shows any signs or symptoms such as cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, you are asked to remain in your accommodation and contact the campus health nurse at (920) 237-6220.

We also ask that you and your guests continue taking all the necessary precautions include the following:

- Please wear masks over your nose and mouth any time you are outside your accommodation or in The GardenSide or Pub 67
- Make sure your guests are wearing masks and signing in the log books at door 1 or 2.
- No visitors under the age of 18
- No pets
- Practice appropriate physical distancing, a minimum of 6'
- Notify Evergreen immediately if you become aware of any contact with COVID-19

The spread of COVID-19 remains uncontrolled and numbers in Winnebago County continue to climb. Our residents and staff remain our first priority and we're grateful for your diligence, support and understanding as we continue to navigate the ever changing conditions. Stay well!