



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2020

TO: RESIDENTS & FAMILIES

FROM: SEAN WALTON & MIKE PERLOCK

RE: COVID-19 BASELINE TESTING & ONE COVID-19 POSITIVE EMPLOYEE

Dear Residents & Families:

United Methodist Homes Tunkhannock Campus continues to follow all guidance set forth by the CDC and PA Department of Health to keep COVID-19 out of our facility. To date, we have been successful in keeping it out of our campus and continue to work very hard to keep our residents and staff safe diligently following all infection control guidelines.

As communicated to you, this week we began our mandatory COVID-19 baseline testing of all residents and staff in order to begin planning our reopening process. However, very unfortunately, we learned today that one employee who was asymptomatic has tested positive. This employee is now home on mandatory quarantine. We are tracing any potential exposure and as a precaution, have placed the entire facility on enhanced Contact-Droplet precautions and monitoring all residents for any symptoms. The staff continue to be screened for symptoms at the start and end of each shift.

Should any resident develop symptoms, we would reach out directly to the resident representative and obtain testing as appropriate. We want to make you aware that this new case will delay our reopening process by a period of 2 weeks. The recent guidance on visitation set forth by the PA Department of Health requires that the facility be COVID-19 free in all residents and staff for a period of 14 days before entering into step 1 of reopening followed by another 14 days before entering into step 2 which affects visitation. On a positive note, other than a few pending test results, all other tests of residents and staff have come back negative.

We are doing all that we can to avoid any spread and keep everyone safe. We are as eager as all of you to be able to open our doors to visitors so that you may visit with your loved ones once again. Our staff remain devoted to keeping our residents connected and engaged during these most difficult times and we appreciate all your support and understanding. We will continue to keep you updated on our status. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at 570-836-2983.

Sincerely,

Sean Walton, Administrator in Training

& *Mike Perlock*, Interim Administrator