

June 10, 2020

Dear Resident, Family and Staff:

On Monday, June 8, 2020, we completed the first round of Point Prevalence Testing of all Residents, Assisted Living Tenants and Staff of Buffalo Lake Healthcare Center. This went very well! Thank You to all of our Residents, Tenants and Staff for your cooperation and patience in this process. We will continue to test everyone again on Monday, June 15th and Monday, June 22nd.

The good news is that all Residents, Tenants and Staff of BLHCC have tested negative for COVID-19! However, we did have one contracted healthcare worker that tested positive. This asymptomatic (NO symptoms) person was last in our facility on May 14, 2020 and had limited contact with one to two residents. This individual used a mask and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while in our building. They are currently home, with no symptoms, under self-quarantine per MDH guidelines.

We feel very fortunate that as of today, none of our Residents, Tenants or BLHCC Staff have tested positive for COVID-19. These results indicate the hard work our staff does day in and day out to protect those entrusted in our care. We appreciate the tireless dedication of our staff to provide quality compassionate care to all of our Residents and Tenants. We sincerely appreciate the patience of our residents and families. You have been very understanding and this makes our job easier. This has certainly been a journey.

Proper use of PPE protects the residents, as well as our staff, from COVID-19. As we move forward, we will continue to use PPE, social distancing guidelines, proper infection control procedures and mandated testing per MDH and CMS guidelines and regulations. We continue to encourage the use of meticulous hand hygiene and wearing a mask while out in public to help keep our residents safe, healthy and COVID-19 free.

We know that this news may cause you concern or you may have questions about what we are doing to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at BLHCC at (320)833-5364.

Sincerely,

Mark Rust, Administrator

Kendra Hiles, Director of Nursing