



CAMPUS UPDATE – September 4, 2020

We have not had any positive COVID-19 test results for residents or staff members this week. We have completed 6 rounds of testing.

New CMS Guidelines

CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) has issued some new regulations regarding positivity rate testing for COVID-19 testing in nursing facilities. These testing regs are based upon the increase/decrease of reported cases within the county in which the facility is located. The guideline is as follows:

- Less than 5% = testing is required once a month
- 5% - 10% = testing is required once a week
- Greater than 10% = testing is required twice weekly

As of today, Lynchburg is listed at 11%.

How does this affect our facility?

Our Healthcare COVID team will begin testing staff members twice weekly who work directly in or must enter Drinkard Healthcare Center. This procedure could change at any time should positive cases result. The County case percentages are updated twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Monday. If the County percentage drops below 10%, staff will continue to be tested twice weekly for at least 14 days to ensure that the percentage remains below 10%.

This requirement is separate from Virginia's phased approach to reopening. We are hopeful that we will move into Phase 2 for Healthcare in the next week.

No visitors are allowed at this time except for end of life and compassionate care situations.

I know the past six months have been stressful for everyone. We appreciate your patience as we go through this process and look forward to safely reuniting you with your family members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Huyett".

Sean Huyett
President & CEO