



November 15, 2020

Thanksgiving, already?? Hard to believe that one our beloved holidays is only a little over a week away. What a year this has been for us all. The state of Wisconsin issued another reminder guideline this past week that we will continue to be restricted from accepting perishable foods from families. We understand this is especially difficult during the holidays when “favorites” could certainly boost the spirits of our nursing home and assisted living friends. The restriction continues in relation to the ability of COVID to be spread through those types of products. We will continue with our holiday tradition of a typical Thanksgiving meal here at Good Shepherd. We are encouraging our staff to think “outside the box” and limit their family engagement in an effort to remain COVID-19 free. Due to the level of transmission in Wisconsin right now, we hope that you do the same. The sooner we can put this virus to rest, the sooner we can return to the freedoms we knew before COVID.

Testing results for the week of November 9 noted all negative tests for tenants and residents. We had one positive non-caregiver staff member in Meadow Wood with a positive result. As this employee is not a caregiver and their symptoms began several days after the last day they had worked at GSS, we fully expect that there was no exposure risk for our tenants. We had one nursing home employee exposed by a family member and test positive. The second round of testing for the nursing home employees was all negative. We are thankful.

Testing will continue as previous for the next 14 days, maybe longer based on results and county positivity rates.

New county positivity rates will be released tomorrow by the CDC and CMS. I fully expect that the number will continue to be greater than 10% which will restrict outdoor visits. We continue to do window visits and virtual visits. Please use your usual contact to request these visits or call the COVID phone at 920-228-1888.

Please continue to keep our staff, tenants, residents and children in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you.

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