

10/31/2020

To Our Residents and Family Members:

In our ongoing communication with you during the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Brian Center Fincastle** continues to issue communication regarding the status of our residents and employees. On 10/31/20, we had one employee that reported to work and could not pass our questionnaire. A Rapid Swab was immediately performed on the employee with a positive result for COVID-19. Thanks to our screening table and questionnaire, the employee never entered the patient area. The employee will self quarantine for a 14-day period and be required to have (2) negative COVID-19 tests prior to returning to work. The **Brian Center Fincastle** continues to be diligent in screening all employees for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 each shift. Employees who do not pass our screening process are not permitted to work.

The safety and well-being of our residents and employees continues to be our top priority. We are doing everything we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our building, including donning full PPE. We continue to screen all employees and essential vendors prior to entering the building. In addition, we remain in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps during this pandemic. These steps are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, such as:

- Enhanced infection control precautions
- Screening residents, staff, and essential visitors for expanded list of symptoms
- Restricting visitation and entry of people to the building
- Proactively testing staff and residents for COVID-19 based on current protocols
- Postponing communal activities
- Increasing PPE par levels
- And following CDC/CMS recommendations

We also understand that connecting with family members is incredibly important to our residents. Additionally, we encourage family members to connect with their loved ones through video chat, calling or facetime. We can also arrange for window visits. Please let us know by contacting Vanessa Wade at Vanessa.Wade@kissito.org or calling her at 540-473-2288 should we need to schedule this for you.

This is a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to provide you with updates. Please know that we are adhering to guidelines from the local and state health departments, which continue to evolve as we learn more about this virus.

We know that you may have questions and we encourage you to contact our center. You can reach us at 540-473-2288, email me at Mike.Grepiotis@kissito.org, or visit our website www.kissito.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Grepiotis

Chief Administrative Officer