

Friends House Retirement Community Inc.



August 20, 2020

Dear Residents & Family Members,

Please see the chart below for our most current numbers related to positive COVID cases for both residents and staff. These numbers are reflective from the start of the pandemic.

We had no positive results for staff this week. This is our third week of no positive tests for staff. All staff who had previously tested positive are back to work. We followed all guidelines mandated by the CDC and Maryland Department of Health.

We will continue to test all staff weekly for the foreseeable future and will test all residents on the health care units if a staff member comes back with a positive result. The future weeks of testing for staff will be a cost that Friends House will be absorbing.

We hope everyone who is able to is enjoying window visits with your loved one. If you would like to have a window visit, please call the front desk of Stabler Hall during regular business hours to schedule a time, or feel free to request a Skype or FaceTime call. The number is 301-924-7531.

Our visiting hours are 7 days a week, from 9 am to 6 pm. We ask that you limit your visits to 30 minutes per day so all families may have time to participate.

The added cost burden of all the testing without additional funding from the State and Federal governments, plus the time and staff who are pulled away to administer the testing process, has placed a heavy burden on communities like Friends House. Some have asked how they can help. If you feel so inclined and would like to contribute to helping our team during this time of the coronavirus, please contact Anne Derby at 301-924-7510 or aderby@friendshouse.com, or go to this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Giv3>.

Our latest results since the beginning of COVID-19 are:

	#Positives	#Deaths	#Returned to Work	#Became Negative	#Still Positive
Healthcare Residents	20	6	N/A (not applicable)	14	0
Staff	20	0	20	N/A (not applicable)	0

We will update the COVID-19 section of our website as new information is available.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding. We continue to work with The Maryland Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local health departments in monitoring the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

Please remember that the virus has not gone away so it is still important to remain vigilant and stay healthy.

Stay Safe,

Friends House Management