



**January 20, 2022**

**To all Seneca View Residents and Families:**

We are contacting you today to let you know that we have had three direct care and one shared service staff members test positive for COVID-19. The staff members have been removed from the schedule to complete their required quarantine period. No new positive cases have been identified among our resident population. Full precautions remain in place and twice weekly testing will continue for all residents and staff. At this time we have three residents on isolation precautions and six staff off for quarantine.

The COVID-19 Testing Mandate remains in place for all visitors. Family members that visit frequently will not need to be tested upon each visit but will be required to show proof of, or complete testing, every third day in accordance with the new requirements. The Department of Health (DOH) requires that all visitors to the nursing home must show proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test completed within 48 hours prior to arrival, or proof of a negative Antigen (rapid) test completed within 24 hours prior to arrival. **DOH has begun supplying the nursing home with Antigen Rapid Test self-test kits for our visitors. These will be made available to you for your self-testing at the time of your visit.** These simple to use kits are the same type of kits available for retail purchase in the community, and easy instructions will be provided.

Upon arrival, the care team will be able to assist you with testing and additional personal protective equipment (PPE) required for your visits. We continue to ask that you inform our nursing units of your planned visit so we can properly assist your loved ones ahead of time and answer any questions you may have about the PPE needed. Entrance screening of all guests continues, including a non-contact temperature reading and a few risk evaluation questions, as required by the Department of Health. Social distancing and infection prevention practices must still be maintained for all visitors to the nursing home and we ask that you please postpone your visit if you are exhibiting any symptoms of illness.

Please continue to monitor our website at [SCHUYLERHOSPITAL.ORG](http://SCHUYLERHOSPITAL.ORG), and feel free to contact our Nursing Units, the Director of Nursing, or my office if you have any questions. You can also reach our NYS Ombudsman, Tricia Chevallard, at (607) 274-5492 if you need.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Ryan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Patrick J. Ryan**  
**Executive Director LTC Services**