



October 1, 2021

To all Seneca View Residents and Families:

Please be advised that we have had two additional direct care staff test positive for the virus since our last update. These staff have been removed from the schedule for the required quarantine period. Two previously quarantined staff have since tested negative and have been allowed to return to work this week. Our current number of staff off for quarantine remains at eight. We have one additional direct care worker off temporarily due to signs and symptoms of illness. All of these staff members will be allowed to return once symptom free and testing negative for COVID-19. There have been no further positive cases of COVID-19 found within our resident population.

We believe the staff positive cases are reflective of the ongoing prevalence of the virus in our community. Our staff are educated and cautious, but we cannot always control the level of exposure experienced in the community. Vigilance is what we can control. Screening everyone upon arrival helps catch symptomatic cases before they enter the building and twice weekly testing quickly catches non-symptomatic cases. Our facility has undergone eight DOH Infection Control Surveys with no deficiencies found in our policies, procedures, or practice. We continue to provide our staff with ongoing infection prevention training and monitoring to ensure best practices are in place and we are hopeful the community spread of this virus will slow.

Restrictions on general visitation remain in place currently. Compassionate care and end-of-life visitation will not be interrupted although additional infection prevention measures may be required of visitors. Please continue to contact your respective nursing units for the scheduling of those visits. If you have concerns regarding resident visits please contact the Nursing units, our Nursing Administration, or my office.

Please also continue to monitor our **SCHUYLERHOSPITAL.ORG** website, and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. You can also reach our State Ombudsman, Trish 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