



December 13, 2020

Dear Samaritan Summit Village Skilled Nursing families,

On Sunday, December 13, Samaritan Health received notice one resident at Samaritan Summit Village (SSV) Skilled Nursing facility tested positive for COVID-19. This is the first positive resident case at Samaritan Summit Village Skilled Nursing facility.

The resident was symptomatic and was tested immediately. As a precaution, all residents on the same floor as this resident were rapid tested and all are negative. All SSV Skilled Nursing residents will now be tested multiple times over the next two weeks. Any staff that may be impacted will be contacted and weekly staff testing will continue.

The COVID-positive resident was hospitalized after being evaluated and cannot return to Samaritan Summit Village until they test negative for COVID-19, per New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) guidelines. This measure helps ensure the safety of other residents and staff.

This positive case suspends limited indoor visitation. We must stay COVID free for 14 days before it can resume.

Samaritan Health puts the health and safety of our residents and staff above all else and will continue diligent safety efforts to prevent the spread of this virus in our facilities, following all NYS DOH directives for testing and contact tracing.

We will keep you informed of any updates regarding positive COVID-19 test results. You will continue to receive a text message or phone call and will be directed to our web page for all updates: www.samaritanhealth.com/covid-1tc. This web page also contains our COVID Pandemic Emergency Plan for you to review.

If there are ever any health concerns for your family member, Samaritan staff will call you personally. Please know we are here to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please call me, Barbara Morrow, Vice President of Long Term Care, at 315-782-7002, or Mike Smith, Assistant Director of Nursing/Infection Control Practitioner, at 315-782-7178.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Morrow".

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