



Steere House

December 2, 2020

NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

Dear Residents and Family Members,

Please accept our greetings as December begins with a state-wide “pause”, very high Covid-19 infection rates and our health care partners stretched to their limits. I know you must be “Covid fatigued” as well. As of December 1st, 44 of all the nursing homes and assisted living locations have at least 3 positive cases in the last 3-4 weeks. As our friends at Brown Univ. tell me, “this virus has only one job – to replicate!”

This letter is to provide an update about the recent outbreak at Steere House. First, the Department Of Health guidance continues to encourage virtual visits as much as possible. Appointments are required, please email Gina Williamson, Activity Director: GWilliamson@SteereHouse.org.

The Department of Health publishes public statistical updates and many follow that information. However, so that you know, both employee data and resident data must be presented in a way which does not identify any individual. Be assured we continue to provide cyclical testing to both resident and staff, along with our other infection control steps. We have been inspected by the Department of Health on our infection control practices a number of times, and on December 1, 2020. At this time, there are NO citations in this care area.

Some information of interest since November 1, 2020:

New staff positives:	8-12
New resident positives:	15-20
Recovered:	5-10
Discharged:	1-5

At Steere House, we participate in education, including the national ECHO project for best practices in Covid-19 infection control, along with many other efforts.

I do wish to thank all of you for the critical practices you follow in your own households to help battle the outbreak of this virus in Rhode Island. It is a “must do” habit to wear a mask when you are not with someone in your immediate family. Please be safe during this Holiday Season so that 2021 will be a healthy year!

With Appreciation,

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Administrator