

# FRIENDS HOME IN KENNETT

## COVID UPDATE 12.4.20

**WE ARE GREEN**

I wanted to give everyone an update on our testing schedules, visitation policies and vaccine potential. Both the Friends Home and Linden Hall are Green. Chester County has a positivity rate of 8.5% as of November 25<sup>th</sup>. This positivity rate affects our testing policies, indoor visitation policies, and medical appointment policies.

All staff will be tested twice a month when the positivity rate is between 5-10%. The full staff was tested this week. All results are pending. If the positivity rate is over 10% the staff will be tested weekly.

Indoor visits are still allowed at this time with the additional requirement that all visitors must provide a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the visit. If the positivity rate is above 10% indoor visits will not occur.

Medically necessary appointments are still being made, but when the positivity rate in the county the medical provider resides in is greater than 5%, the resident will have to be on a yellow quarantine status. This means the resident can not eat in the dining room or participate in activities. They may walk the halls and sit on the porch with staff supervision following all mask and social distancing protocols. If the medical provider is in a county with a positivity rate greater than 10% the resident will need to be on a stricter quarantine status with only limited walking ability in the halls.

On a more positive note, I have been on several calls concerning the COVID vaccine. I have 2 more calls next week which should provide me with all the information I will need to formally present the plan to staff, residents and families. We have signed up with CVS as our provider and we are in the phase 1a criteria for receiving the vaccine. I will receive clarification next week on which vaccine they are providing and what the specific timeline will be. Once all the information is gathered, I will provide everyone with the specifics and answer any questions people may have.

I am excited to see an end to this pandemic and look forward to the future.

Take care and stay safe.

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