

Community Health Update - September 13, 2021

ADDITIONAL POSITIVE CASES IN THE C&R

On Friday, September 10th we reported one positive result for a resident from the round of surveillance testing conducted on all C&R residents and staff Tuesday, September 7th. The remainder of the results were processed over the weekend and they are all negative.

All C&R residents and staff were tested again on Friday, September 10th. We expect to have those results sometime this week. Typically, we report cases generated from the surveillance testing once the results are received from the lab. However, several symptomatic cases developed over the weekend and were confirmed by other methods of testing.

- Two C&R residents began showing mild symptoms on Friday. Even though their specimens collected on Tuesday were negative, C&R staff conducted an in-house rapid antigen test for each of them to determine whether their symptoms were attributed to COVID-19. Both of those in-house results were positive.
- Additionally, a C&R staff member developed symptoms at the end of their work day on Friday. This employee was tested over the weekend and the result was positive.
- As a result of these positive cases, staff conducted additional in-house rapid antigen tests on all residents showing any type of symptom consistent with COVID, and their roommates. The results of those in-house tests returned three additional positives.
- All six residents are isolating in a designated COVID unit in the C&R. The employee is isolating at home.

As directed by the health department, we are taking the following precautions to prevent transmission:

- All C&R residents and staff continue to be tested bi-weekly as required by the Outbreak Status and the high positivity rate in Thurston County. These tests are processed off-site and it can take several days for the results to be delivered. At this time, all results from the round of tests conducted on Friday are still pending.
- Any resident who begins to show COVID-like symptoms will be placed on quarantine until testing rules out a COVID infection.
- No in-person visitation except for approved compassionate care visits.
- A resident can still choose to go on an outing. We encourage all safety precautions including physical distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing.
- No group activities or group dining.
- Residents are encouraged to stay in their room to the extent possible.
- New admissions aren't allowed until we complete two more rounds of testing with negative results; the projected date for new admissions is September 21st if there are no new positive test results. Readmissions are allowed with case by case review. If there are no further positive cases, our status will return to normal on October 5th.

COVID-19 Active Case Tracker:

- 2 staff cases
- 6 resident cases in the Convalescent & Rehabilitation Center
- 0 resident cases in Assisted Living
- 0 resident cases in Independent Living