

Chippewa Manor

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Dear Residents, Clients and Families:

On January 20th, 2022, four members of our team tested positive for COVID-19. We immediately reported these cases to our local health officials and initiated safety precautions.

These staff members are now quarantining at home, following Chippewa County Department of Public Health guidelines. Any residents or clients that may have had contact with these individuals are currently being tested. The extremely high case rate in our county has resulted in higher numbers in our staff. Fortunately, our staff are experiencing relatively mild symptoms, and none have been hospitalized. Staff members are very conscientious about reporting exposures outside of the workplace and with our rigorous testing efforts we have caught many of these cases before the individuals are symptomatic. We are working hard to keep everyone safe, and we appreciate your understanding as you receive these reports. If you have any questions, please contact me at 715-723-4437.

While it is safer (and recommended) for visitors to avoid entering our facility after a positive case has been identified, guidelines require that visitation must still be allowed. Anyone from outside the facility, who chooses to visit, should be aware of the potential risk of exposure, and must adhere to all core principles of infection prevention during visitation. Those who choose to visit, should wear a face covering at all times - regardless of vaccination status. Visits should ideally be brief and limited to a resident's individual room. Alternative communication and visitation methods are available. If you are interested in taking advantage of these, contact our Life Enrichment department.

Given the number of active cases in our county and state, we recognize the possibility of a visitor unknowingly bringing the virus (or other illness) into our facility. Testing is the best way to guard against this happening. Our staff are regularly tested. We are now asking that visitors consider being tested (2-to-3 days prior) to coming to the facility as well. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) strongly encourages all visitors to become vaccinated. If you would like more information about vaccination, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Gengler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Gengler, NHA
Administrator