



Memo

To: Residents and Family
From: Tina O'Malley RN, ICC
Date: January 6, 2025
Re: Enteric Outbreak Update

The weekend has unfortunately brought a spread of the gastrointestinal illness in the home.

In consultation with Public Health, further outbreak management measures will be implemented:

- Meal trays will be provided to all residents starting at supper today. With wandering residents, it has been difficult to restrict their movements and trays will keep all residents safer from inadvertent contact with wanderers as well as those who may be ill but not yet symptomatic.
- All group activities will be cancelled and one on one programs instituted.
- Visitors will be restricted to Essential Caregivers only. Visits for palliative/ill residents will continue. Please discuss with the Nurse in Charge.
- Non-essential appointments may be cancelled/rescheduled. A note that Carefor will not provide transportation services during outbreaks.

Cases remain on zones 3 (rooms 17-32) – 6 active cases, 1 resolved; and zone 4 (rooms 1-16) – 10 active cases, 1 resolved. Staff cases have also increased.

It is likely that cases are also occurring in the community, therefore please remain cautious and remember that hand washing with soap and water is best to avoid gastrointestinal illnesses.

Any Essential Caregiver visitors will be required to wear PPE when visiting an ill resident. PPE should consist of gloves and gown. If a resident is vomiting, and a visitor may be at risk for splashes, eye protection is also advised.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation,

Tina O'Malley RN, ICC