



## NOTRE DAME LONG TERM CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Pursuant to CMS final rule requirements for COVID-19 reporting for skilled nursing facilities, we are reporting the following results to keep you updated. We will continue to provide updates of confirmed and suspected COVID-19 infections for our residents and staff at least weekly, or by 5:00 p.m. the next calendar day when we experience a single new confirmed positive case of COVID-19; or whenever three or more residents or staff with new-onset of respiratory symptoms occur within 72 hours of each other. Notre Dame Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Center continues to do everything we can to protect the health and safety of our residents and staff and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to follow all MA DPH, CDC, and other state and federal regulations to maintain effective infection control.

*To date, we have had 273 residents, 300 employees and 33 contract personnel who have tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, 0 residents and 0 employees have new onset respiratory symptoms within the past 72 hours. [as of 8/29/24] \**

### **Our efforts to mitigate include but are not limited to:**

- We are complying with full implementation of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate in accordance with DPH guidance
- Implementation of all OSHA requirements in accordance with Department of Labor Standards
- Facility COVID-19 testing at least weekly, in accordance with most recent DPH guidance
- Daily monitoring and screening of residents for signs and symptoms of an infection; testing as warranted
- Daily screening of staff members and visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 upon arrival including temperature check
- Resident/Family visitation may occur at any time. Notre Dame Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Center is “open” 24/7. However, given our typical staffing patterns which help us to serve our residents and families best, we do encourage families to consider visits between 8am and 8pm on any day of the week. If visitation policies change, we will inform families and post the information on our website at: [www.notredamehealthcare.org](http://www.notredamehealthcare.org)
- Compassionate care visits may occur at any time
- Fully vaccinated new residents do not need to be quarantined
- Universal mask protocol for all staff and visitors entering facility and while working in the facility
- Employees entering resident care unit are in appropriate PPE based on cohort of the unit
- We require residents to wear face masks while receiving care and while out of their rooms
- Limited group activities and communal dining six feet distance maintained
- Additional staff training and reviews to ensure adherence to up-to-date infection control practices are done daily
- Maintaining at least a three-month supply of all required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Thank you for your continued support. We are grateful for your faith in our work and continued patience as we work together to keep our residents safe in these very difficult times.

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\*The data presented reflects the cumulative positive test results for all residents served since the beginning of the pandemic, and cumulative positive test results for employees and contract personnel either currently or previously employed or contracted with NDHC.