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To All Staff:

This is week fifteen of our employee COVID-19 update.

Status Update

Each week we will provide you with updated information on COVID-testing at all of our campuses.

Testing Tracker: Summary of Employees & Residents Diagnostic Testing								
Employees		To date (since pandemic start)			New Suspected Cases			
	Employees tested	Tests Pending	Employees Positive	Employees Negative	Employees tested	Tests Pending	Employees Positive	Employees Negative
Chase	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
GSFH	6	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
GSVE	11	0	1*	10	0	0	0	0
			* last worked 3/29					
Residents		To date (since pandemic start)			New Suspected Cases			
	Residents tested	Tests Pending	Residents Positive	Residents Negative	Residents tested	Tests Pending	Residents Positive	Residents Negative
Chase	7	0	0	7	1	0	0	1
GSFH	20	0	0	20	0	0	0	0
GSVE	15	0	0	15	0	0	0	0
Tested as of 7/8/20					7/9/20-7/15/20			
Please note some testing was purely precautionary as the individual was asymptomatic. Ex: fall led to ER visit and tested.								

NYS DOH Mandatory Testing for all Staff (Reminder)

Per the DOH guidelines for mandatory testing, the week runs from Wednesday-Tuesday. We are now in the week of July 15 -21; a new week will start on July 22, which will run to July 22-28. When scheduling or planning your appointment to be tested, please keep the week dates in mind in order to be in compliance with the Executive Order. This Executive Order was extended through August 8, 2020. We will keep you posted on any updates.

The testing times for each campus will be as follows:

<u>GSFH</u>		<u>GSVE</u>		<u>Chase</u>	
Tuesday	2-4pm	Monday	2-4pm	Monday	5am-5pm
Wednesday	7-9am	Tuesday	2-4pm	Tuesday	5am-5pm
Thursday	2-4pm	Wednesday	2-4pm	Wednesday	5am-5pm
Friday	7-9am	Friday	2-4pm		

If you miss the weekly test, you cannot work and will not receive any pay, including benefit time, until you are tested and have received a negative test result.

NYS Quarantine Travel Restrictions (update)

The list has been expanded again (*newly added states in italics*) and currently, the advisory applies to anyone traveling from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, *Minnesota*, Mississippi, Nevada, *New Mexico*, North Carolina, *Ohio*, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah and *Wisconsin*. *Delaware was removed from the list.*

The quarantine requirements do not apply to any individual passing through designated states for a limited duration (i.e., less than 24 hours) through the course of travel (e.g., layovers, rest area stops, etc.).

All out-of-state travelers from designated states must complete a form upon entering New York. Travelers who leave the airport without completing the form will be subject to a \$2,000 fine and may be brought to a hearing and ordered to complete mandatory quarantine. Travelers coming to New York from designated states through other means of transport, including trains and cars, must fill out the form online.

If you travel to a prohibited area, you cannot return without a negative test, the waiting period is not subject to quarantine pay, and you may not use benefit time. In addition, if you do become ill, NYS COVID pay is not available. **We are highly recommending for the health and welfare of our residents and staff members that you adhere to the travel restrictions.**

Face Mask Reminder

Face masks are not optional and must be worn anytime social distancing is not possible. If we see a staff member that has developed a pattern of not wearing a face mask, or wearing the face mask incorrectly, we will start with re-education, but disciplinary actions will result if the issue persists. Please help us protect our staff and residents by simply wearing your mask properly as required.

Results of Mass Testing (for employees who passed the screening process)

	Tested	Positive	Negative	Inconclusive or Indeterminate
GSFH	177	2	175	0
GSVE	156	1	155	0
Chase	139	0	139	0

In the last round of testing, we had the following positive results:

GSFH

- Maintenance Worker and Office Worker: Asymptomatic. Self-isolation for 14 days. No resident in close contact with either staff member. Each had close contact with two staff members who were informed of pertinent restrictions.

GSVE

- Dietary employee: Self-isolation for 14 days. No resident in close contact with the staff member. Four other staff members had close contact with this person and they have been informed of pertinent restrictions.

Chase

- No new positive test results; however, there are two employees who tested negative on Monday but have begun to display possible symptoms. Both have been instructed to self-isolate and cannot return to work until they meet criteria related to both test status and symptomology established by the Health Department.

Our staffs at all our campuses are monitoring these situations in collaboration with both the NYS DOH and local Department of Health and will follow all recommendations.

DOH Visitation Guidance for ACFs & SNFs

On Friday, July 10, 2020, the DOH issued guidance to ACFs and SNFs regarding conditions under which limited visitation could take place. Under this guidance, a threshold was set by CMS, that in order to have visitations the facility (residents and staff) had to have been without COVID for at least 28 days. If this requirement along with numerous others is met under these guidelines, residents in the facilities will be allowed two visitors at a time with a focus on outside visitations, and the visitors must undergo screening checks, wear face masks, and practice socially distancing during the visit.

At least 1 of the 2 visitors must be at least 18 years of age or older. In addition, only 10% of the residents can be allowed visitors at any time. For example, in a 100-bed facility, no more than 10 residents can have visitors per day in order to maintain proper social distancing and ensure safe compliance.

At this time, our facilities do not meet the 28-day COVID-19 free requirement set by DOH in order to start visitations. Please remember how difficult the lack of visitors has been for our residents and their families, and be patient with them. We will keep you posted as to any changes, and we continue to refine our plans for visits resuming when the time comes.



We realize rules and regulations are very fluid right now, but we will keep you all updated with any changes as they come about. Thank for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

Linda Parke
Director of Human Resources