

# COVID-19 UPDATE

November 20, 2020

Dear Splendido Residents,

Earlier this week, we implemented testing for COVID-19 for employees who work in Independent Living at Splendido. The second surge in cases both locally and nationally is expected to be even more challenging than the first. We had expected that there would be some positive cases among those tested, knowing that people may have the virus who are asymptomatic.

As a result of testing, we have learned that as of yesterday, November 19, that **the following have tested positive for COVID-19:**

## **Splendido: Independent Living**

- 7 employees
- 2 residents

## **Sonora**

- 3 residents
- 1 employee

These individuals are following guidance from their physicians. We wish them a speedy recovery. Splendido is interviewing these individuals to determine if any of them was in close contact with residents and/or other employees (meaning within 6 feet of anyone for more than 15 minutes). Individuals will be notified.

Splendido completed a second round of testing of employees who work in Independent Living and we will report the test results.

## **SONORA TESTING UPDATE**

Based on the positivity rate in the area, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) requires routine testing of employees and residents of Sonora twice per week. We will continue to share updates.

## **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

**We understand that Thanksgiving is upon us, and gathering is a tradition. For your safety and that of your family and friends, we strongly encourage you to partake in the Thanksgiving holiday virtually with your loved ones.** Group gatherings continue to be one of the highest risk areas for the spread of COVID-19.

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## COVID-19 TASK FORCE AND FUTURE DECISIONS

An interdisciplinary task force of Mather senior leadership meets regularly to implement proactive steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our community and make decisions regarding tightening or easing of restrictions. This group closely monitors the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Pima County Department of Health guidelines for Life Plan Communities like Splendido. **Additionally, we have been monitoring the rapid increase of cases in Pima Country, and it is of concern. We will continue to monitor the impact it may have on our area and future decisions.**

## REMAIN VIGILANT

Splendido continues to practice strong infection control to minimize the spread of the virus in our community. We must all do our part by continuing to follow the CDC guidelines for minimizing the spread of the virus. These include

- **Adhere to face covering requirements.** Keep your **nose and mouth** covered around the community and when outside of your apartment.
- **Maintain physical distancing.** Keep at least 6 feet of space between yourself and others.
- **Wash your hands often.** Use soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.** Discard the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- **Stay home when you are sick.** Prevent spreading illness to others.
- **Avoid indoor gatherings** of any size and limit gatherings outdoors

The health and well-being of residents and staff continues to be our top priority. We're grateful for your partnership in following current protocols to help keep us safe. Thank you!

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

James C. Edwartoski  
AVP & Executive Director

## **PLEASE SELF MONITOR FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, you should contact your physician for guidance, stay in your home, and notify the Concierge at (520) 878.2600. Symptoms include a loss of taste or smell, cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, chills, muscle pain, pink eye, eye pain, vertigo, discoloration of the toes, and gastrointestinal issues such as diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting.

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