

Youville House/Youville Place

Assisted Living Residences

April 21, 2020

Dear Residents and Families:

As you are aware, COVID-19 continues to spread and impact nursing homes and assisted livings all over Massachusetts. Over the weekend, Youville partnered with the Cambridge COVID Task Force to conduct testing of all 88 residents and 73 staff. Today, we were notified of the results of the testing and want to share the current status of residents and staff at Youville House.

We currently have five residents who tested positive for COVID-19. All residents have been notified of their test results. Phone calls were made to those residents and their families if they tested positive. For all residents who tested negative, a letter confirming they were negative was left in their temporary mailbox outside of their apartment. We also had six staff members test positive. They are now home, and we send them prayers for a speedy recovery.

Some residents and staff also participated in a finger prick blood test that is used to measure antibodies for COVID-19. We do not have the results of those tests and do not believe we will receive them. If we do get information on the blood test, we will be sure to get those results to the residents and staff.

Youville continues to have all the same strict safety and infection control practices in place for staff and residents. Staff who have tested positive are quarantined and will not return to work until they meet the CDC guidelines for returning to work. Residents who have tested positive that remain at Youville are self-isolating in their apartments. All residents will also be closely monitored by our Wellness Team in personal protective equipment. Any trash from a positive resident will be placed in red biohazard bags and removed carefully by our staff in personal protective equipment.

The health and safety of our residents and staff continues to be our top priority. We are working closely with the Cambridge Board of Health, Cambridge COVID Taskforce and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

We are praying for all our residents and staff who have been impacted that they have a quick recovery. This is truly a sad and difficult time for all of us. We can only hope that the curve will begin to flatten in the next week or so.

Nicole Breslin. CEO