



October 5, 2020
COVID Isolation

Dear residents of Brookview,

We recognize and understand you feel secluded during this time of isolation. We are doing our best to work within the mandates we are given by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Piedmont District, while protecting all residents and staff.

The CDC recommendations for 14 days of isolation following a positive resident/employee test as written in its article [Discontinuation of Transmission Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings \(Interim Guidance\) Discharging COVID Patients](#) which is posted on the Woodland COVID website as a resource. However, this is the guidance we have received from our local VDH Piedmont District representative and epidemiologist Rhonda Pruitt:

“When a facility has an outbreak, you must clear two incubation cycles with no new cases before restrictions can be lifted. The incubation cycle for COVID-19 is 14 days, so two incubation cycles = 28 days. As a representative of VDH, I will not agree to lifting restrictions outside of compliance with VDH standards. I have seen two other assisted living facilities that were lax on compliance with standards, and it resulted in multiple hospitalizations and deaths.”

Under the direction of the VDH, Brookview residents were placed on droplet isolation (transmission based precautions) immediately when COVID-19 was reported within the Brookview resident population during a hospitalization on September 20, 2020.

Tests are required weekly, or more frequently, based on results for all staff and residents. At a minimum, this process will go through at least two full viral phases lasting 14 days each (a total of 28 days). If any one person, resident or staff, becomes positive during any phase, OR any one resident exhibits symptoms, the facility has to start back over with phase 1 restrictions outlined by CMS.

We recognize it is your right to refuse to be isolated and to ambulate in the hallway of the facility with a mask on or to leave the door to your room open. In doing so, it will be understood that you are accepting the risk of exposure based on your actions to decline isolation.

Please feel free to reach out to Rhonda Pruitt with any concern you may have about VDH’s mandate, at (434) 392-3984 Ext. 145 as she has been our direct contact regarding COVID-19.

Respectfully,

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President/CEO