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RE: Positive COVID test results received for a Pinecrest staff member

Dear resident/resident representative,

Today, Pinecrest nursing staff continued routine COVID testing of Pinecrest staff due to an increase in positivity rates in Ogle County. Pinecrest has been testing staff members twice per week since October 26. During this routine testing, Pinecrest discovered a staff member positive for COVID-19 using a rapid test. Pinecrest retested the staff member with a PCR test that was sent to the lab today and we should receive those results in 2-3 days. The staff member was sent home immediately and will not return to work until cleared by the Ogle County Health Department. This staff member had worked on the West Side and laundry area. Due to patient privacy laws, we are unable to share any further specific information about the confirmed case in our facility.

The Ogle County Health Department and other Pinecrest staff have been notified of the potential exposure. Pinecrest will test all residents tomorrow using rapid tests. If all resident tests are negative, no further testing will be required unless someone develops symptoms.

We will provide weekly written updates to you via our website at:
<https://www.pinecrestcommunity.org/Pinecrest-Information/COVID-19-pandemic-information>

If you are unable to access our website, please notify us at 815-734-4103 and we will mail you the weekly update.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to call or email me at flabash@pinecrestcommunity.org. You may also contact Jolene LeClere, Administrator of Health Services, at 815-734-4103 or email jleclere@pinecrestcommunity.org.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the safety of our residents and staff. Please do your part to help protect our vulnerable residents by wearing a mask over your nose and mouth each time you leave your home, wash and sanitize your hands frequently and practice social distancing.

Together we are stronger!

Sincerely,

Ferol J. Labash
Chief Executive Officer