

5 August 2020

COVID COMMUNICATION NO. 22

Dear Residents,

We have been lucky enough to have had a short reprieve from the virus with no new cases for a 3 week period up until the morning of Friday last week (31 July).

Unfortunately, the virus is not done with us just yet – here is our latest status as at today's date.

A Resthaven Resident was transferred to Frail Care last week Tuesday (28 July) for cancer related pain management by Hospice. As a safety precaution he was accommodated in the private room in the Memory Care section on the first floor.

On Friday afternoon this Resident started coughing and was tested by Dr Ginsberg. He was confirmed as positive for COVID on Monday morning and remains in isolation in his private room. This Resident had been for his regular checkup at the Charlotte Maxeke Hospital approximately 10 days before he was moved to Frail Care. We are watching all of the other Resthaven Residents and staff very closely but so far there is no sign of anyone showing symptoms.

A female Resident from Midcare was also confirmed as COVID positive yesterday. She had been given antibiotics last week for what was thought to be the flu but she worsened over the weekend and was tested on Monday by Dr Ginsberg. This Resident is on her own in the general ward on the 1st Floor that we had set up as an isolation ward. All the Midcare Residents have been confined to their individual rooms since the 1st COVID case on the 29th June so our only working theory here is that we could have an asymptomatic nurse, carer or cleaner who exposed this Resident. Again, we are monitoring everyone in Midcare very closely

The Estate Resident from 117 Carlingford, Mrs Rhoda Levy, tested positive on Tuesday 28 July, along with one of her Carers who had come on duty the day before Mrs Levy was confirmed as positive. This Carer is in quarantine with Mrs Levy for 14 days (there are quarantine signs up at 117) and the Carer who went off duty (but who was on duty when Mrs Levy started showing symptoms) is assumed to be positive as well and has been told to quarantine herself at her home for 14 days.

All our other 14 Residents who had COVID continue to recuperate nicely. We have kept the protocol in place of having dedicated staff for First Floor, Ground Floor and Midcare.

Other Non-Covid Resident News...

To avoid any unnecessary rumours and/or concern on the Estate, we would like to share the following with you:

The Resident from 86 Raleigh, Mrs Carletta Uys was admitted to Ground Floor Frail Care on the 28th July and will be treated palliatively for her cancer by Hospice and our staff.

The Resident from 501 Carlingford, Mrs Sybil Wakely-Clements was admitted to Ground Floor Frail Care yesterday 04 August and will also be treated palliatively for her cancer by Hospice and our staff. Mrs Wakely-Clements had been receiving Hospice care in her home for a few months before being admitted to Frail Care.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all our recovering Residents and those who are struggling at the moment.

Please continue to be vigilant so you can stay safe and healthy!

Warm regards



Gail & The Team