



August 4, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Responsible Parties;

We wanted to provide you with an update on our first round of COVID testing residents and staff. On August 2, 2021, all residents have tested negative for COVID-19. We also tested 173 staff; through this interval testing, we identified two additional employees who antigen tested positive for COVID. Of these two individuals who tested positive, one is a non-direct care employee, and the second is a direct care employee. These employees are fully vaccinated, the non-direct care employee was last in the facility on July 30, 2021, and the direct care employee was last in the facility on August 1, 2021. Both employees followed infection prevention and control measures minimizing the exposure risk to residents and coworkers while in the facility. These employees are home recovering.

We continue to follow the latest rules and guidelines from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as well as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH). These guidelines continue to be updated regularly and have changed throughout the course of the pandemic.

Our second round of testing for all residents and staff will occur during the week of August 9th-13th. Again, we continue to monitor residents and staff for COVID-like signs and symptoms. Unfortunately, under the direction of CMS and CDC, we must continue to stop all visitation temporarily. This includes no window visits to limit exposure to our facility and grounds. However, we will continue offering virtual visits (FaceTime, Zoom, Duo) in the interim. If you are interested in virtual visits, please call Therapeutic Recreations to schedule time(s) 808-247-2220 ext. 553.

Per CMS and CDC, the soonest we may be able to reopen for in-person visitation is on August 16, 2021. Please bear in mind that if a positive result is identified during outbreak interval testing, we will be required to continue to suspend visitation until we have cleared 14 days with no new positive results. We are very sorry for the inconvenience.

We will continue to provide you with updates as they become available. In addition, we will continue to practice safe infection prevention and control measures such as hand hygiene, face masking, and physical distancing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 247-2220. You may also visit our website at www.alohanursing.com for regular updates.

Sincerely,
Amy Lee
CEO/Administrator