Carleton-Willard Preparedness Response to COVID-19

The news about the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the potential risks it presents is concerning to all of us. Please know that maintaining our residents’ and staff’s health, wellness and safety is our number one priority. We are taking steps now to further protect our community and to be positioned to respond quickly and effectively should it impact someone at Carleton-Willard.

Carleton-Willard is keeping abreast of what is going on in the world pertaining to COVID-19. We are monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization, and Massachusetts Department of Public Health on a daily basis to keep informed of the ever-changing news. We are also in communication with the local Bedford Board of Health.

A few examples of the preventive measures we have implemented are:

Signs have been placed throughout the Village to screen visitors and vendors, and a screening tool is in place, for residents and staff, asking:

- In the last 14 days, have you traveled outside the country or areas known to have COVID-19 outbreaks, on cruise ships or participated in other settings where crowds are confined to a common location?

- In the last 14 days, have you been in contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, or under investigation for COVID-19 or are ill with respiratory illness?

- Do you have signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or sore throat?

Large gatherings of 10 or more people have been cancelled.

The Brass Rail, Abbott Room and Victoria Café are closed until further notice.

Carleton-Willard residents have been asked to refrain from volunteering at and visiting residents in the Nursing Center and in Ross-Worthen. The Nursing Center, Ross-Worthen and Llewsac Lodge (supportive care) are currently closed to visitors.

We strongly discourage visitors in the the Cluster Homes and Apartments.

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Residents are our key partners in keeping themselves and others healthy, and we have reminded them of being mindful of others who may be ill in their travels, mindful of these preventive recommendations, wash their hands often and to stay home if they develop a sore throat, cough, fever or shortness of breath and contact the Village Outpatient Clinic with any medical concerns or questions.

There is potential for these measures to be in place for a period of time. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience these preventive measures cause, and as further information comes to light that may impact the Carleton-Willard community, we will keep you informed here.

Please feel welcome to contact the Marketing Department at 781-275-8700 x 1203 with any questions.