



August 19, 2020

All:

We learned this afternoon that one of the individuals living in our CILA on Circle Drive in Morton tested positive for COVID-19. We have been in contact by phone with Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD), IDPH, and the guardians/family of individuals living at the Circle CILA. We want to assure you that we are following Tazewell County Health Department guidance and will continue to do so.

At this time, we have taken the following steps:

- We reviewed the recent activities/outings of our entire CILA program and concluded there were no other CILA residents (outside of Circle Drive) who had direct exposure to this individual.
- All staff members who had direct exposure have been notified and are quarantined. They will not be working their usual shifts.
- The individuals who live in the Circle CILA are quarantined at their home. We have initiated a 24/7 staffing pattern to minimize any additional exposure of our staff members. The individual who tested positive is being isolated as much as possible. He is in stable condition at this time at the Circle CILA. Personal Protective Equipment is at the house, and staff are trained regarding proper usage.
- Two additional CILA's (Oklahoma and Indiana) are under quarantine at their home because a staff member tested positive on Sunday and worked their 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms. The 24/7 staffing pattern is in place at those CILA's as well. No individuals in those homes have developed symptoms as of this writing.
- Tazewell County Health Department does not recommend testing until individuals/staff develop symptoms.
- We are increasing monitoring of vitals and the frequency of checking for signs and symptoms at the houses under quarantine.
- All CILA staff members have been made aware of this situation, and are on high alert regarding infection prevention and containment of the virus.
- On-site outdoor family visits and short visits to family homes as outlined previously are still occurring at the CILA's that are not under quarantine.

We understand this situation is unsettling for you, your loved ones, our staff, Administration and the Board. Please feel free to call your Case Manager or one of us if you have further questions. We appreciate your prayers and support as we work diligently to follow appropriate precautions and guidance to prevent further spread of the virus. I will send periodic updates via email to keep you informed.

Sincerely,

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