



November 4, 2020

Dear Families,

Here is an update regarding the incidence of COVID-19 at Garden:

1. All residents were tested on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, which resulted in the first confirmed cases. We are now moving out of the outbreak as it has been a month since the first positive tests.
2. A total of 51 residents tested positive for COVID-19.
3. Most of the residents that tested positive and had symptoms are now recovering or have recovered from the virus. Most residents showed no symptoms or very mild symptoms.
4. We apologize for a small error in our last update. It indicated that all residents are being tested weekly. That should have read that all residents who have tested NEGATIVE will be tested weekly. All residents that tested positive will not be tested again. This is in accordance with the County Health Department recommendations. All residents that continue to test NEGATIVE are tested weekly by Thurston County Health Department. The last round of testing was completed on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.
5. Only one additional death has occurred in over a week. Eight residents that tested positive with Covid 19 have passed away. Six of the eight were on hospice.
6. We continue to report updates Thurston County and to the state. They are also in contact with us in reporting test results as they come in. They are reviewing infection control procedures and testing residents. They will continue to retest residents that are negative until there are no new residents have tested positive for COVID-19 for 2 consecutive rounds and the quarantine period has passed for the last resident who has tested positive.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have specific questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nanette Wilkins, Director of Operations