



October 27, 2020

Dear Families,

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

1. The initial testing of residents occurred on October 5th. A total of 45 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 since that date. The first cases were confirmed on the 5th. Many residents are now recovering or have recovered from the virus. All residents are tested weekly. All residents will be tested again tomorrow.
2. Seven residents have passed away who tested positive for COVID-19. Five of the residents were on hospice.
3. 25 staff members have tested positive. Thurston County will test the staff again tomorrow who have tested negative for the virus in the past. Most of the staff who tested positive have been asymptomatic. Many have recovered and are returning to work.

Thurston County Health Department website posts all of the information on new cases and deaths:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/phss/Pages/covid-19-data.aspx>

We report updates to them directly as well as to the state. Thurston County continues to come to Garden Courte weekly. They are reviewing infection control procedures and testing residents. Thurston County will continue to retest residents until there are no residents who test positive for COVID-19 and the quarantine period is complete for the last resident who 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