HERITAGE HOUSE
NURSING & REHABILITATION

01/20/21

Heritage House Nursing and Rehabilitation has had new staff and resident cases test positive for COVID-19 during regular proactive testing 01/13/21.

Staff who have tested positive have been sent home. The facility will follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the local health authority's guidelines for staff member's return to work.

Residents who have tested positive have been moved to a new hallway and separated from residents who are negative. On this specialized care hallway, a barrier has been set up at the entrance to help prevent spread of the virus. As much as is possible, staff working on the care hallway do not work in other parts of the facility.

All staff and residents are wearing appropriate personal protective equipment, per CDC guidelines.

The facility is working closely with the local health authority and all other regulatory agencies.

All residents are having their temperatures checked and are being screened for COVID-19 related symptoms three times per day. Facility team members have educated residents on social distancing practices, infection control processes, and provided information on how to self-monitor and report symptoms to a nursing team member.

Staff are screened upon arrival for their shift. They answer a series of questions about contact and travel, then a designated team member takes and records their temperature. This staff screening log is submitted to facility administration, daily.

We've provided extensive staff education. We have held staff in-services to ensure that they are aware of risk factors, including signs and symptoms of COVID-19. We have training on proper infection control protocol: including regular handwashing, correct usage and disposal of PPE, and social distancing practices.

We have enhanced disinfection and housekeeping measures. We are regularly cleaning high touchpoint and resident use areas. Housekeeping team members have been provided additional, extensive training on proper disinfection techniques, disposal of trash, and cleaning of linens.

Patient privacy is of the utmost importance. We will not disclose the name of any patients that

have tested positive, nor will we disclose the name of any persons under investigation. Media questions should be directed to our local health authority as all of our policies are within the scope of their guidance. Facility administration reports the number of active cases to the CDC weekly. Because this reporting is done on a weekly basis, the numbers shown on state or federal websites may be delayed and not reflect our current status. We apologize for any confusion this may cause.

Questions and concerns can be answered by our Administrator, Darla Mattys at 254-583-7904

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