

PVSL COVID-19 Update

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An Update on Our Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

We are making progress on our comprehensive plan for facility-wide testing of staff and residents. We have been working closely with the Minnesota Department of Health, Mayo Clinic, and our own Pelican Valley Senior Living staff to complete testing in all of our residential settings. We believe that by conducting testing of symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals we will have a greater ability to identify any individual who may need additional assistance and implement additional infection control precautions based on our findings. Recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health include multiple rounds of testing and we are working toward the successful completion of this.

Testing has occurred at the following locations for both staff and residents: Pelican Valley Care Center, Riverfront Manor and Riverfront on Main. As of today, at each location:

- Pelican Valley Care Center: No active cases.
- Riverfront Manor: No active cases
- Riverfront on Main: No active cases

All follow-up testing will occur based on recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health. We will continue to test any staff and/or resident who presents symptoms and adhere to the recommendations of MDH and our medical advisors.

We also recognize that facility-wide testing is just one component of remaining committed to defeating COVID-19. Infection prevention control measures, triage and clinical consultation, health screening among other interventions are of significant concern to continue following closely.

As we progress through facility-wide testing, the decision to begin re-opening is one that will be very calculated and informed by recommendations from various health agencies including the Minnesota Department of Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and the Centers for Disease Control. While we are eager to re-open, we do not want to put anyone at risk out of the urge to re-open quickly.

We recently began an outdoor visiting program to allow Pelican Valley Senior Living residents and their families to visit outdoors. All visitors are required to follow all screening protocols and to follow all guidelines as recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health.

We are grateful for your support and patience as we are walking on this pandemic journey together.

We will continue to provide updates to you to keep you informed of our ongoing work. **Please note: This is a fluid situation and updates are in continuous development. Help us keep family and loved ones informed by visiting our website:** <http://pelicanvalleyseniorliving.org/coronavirus/>

*Health agencies providing recommendations to us include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, local medical advisors and public health advisors among others.