



**As each day passes, we hear of the increasing number of cases of the coronavirus, COVID-19, being detected all over the world.**

**Unfortunately, we learned today that a second member of our staff has tested positive for the virus. This staff member is in self-quarantine and will continue to stay at home in quarantine until medically cleared to return to work. We are pleased that no residents have tested positive. Shaire has been very blessed to have had no positive cases for residents or staff from March – Mid July.**

**We will continue working to identify individuals with potential for exposure. As you may already be aware, starting at the beginning of March, a Coronavirus Task Force comprised of staff from various departments, including an RN Infection Preventionist, met to review existing policies and procedures related to infectious diseases. Although we had robust infection control policies already in place for seasonal influenza, we also reviewed our infection control policies and updated them as necessary to specifically address potential exposure to the Coronavirus.**

**Our staff members have been trained on these policies and have implemented them throughout our community. On March 9, 2020, we started screening everyone who came on to our campus by taking their temperatures and asking a series of questions, and on March 13, 2020, we closed our campus to visitors. Our staff continues to screen for changing conditions, including the presence of elevated temperatures and respiratory illness for all residents. Staff is also participating in regular calls with our governmental and healthcare partners to understand the latest updates and current information related to this issue. We are following the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recommendations to help protect our residents' and community's exposure to this virus.**

**While we have taken steps to prepare our staff and community, we need your help to minimize not only our community but every ones community's, exposure to this virus. Please continue to observe appropriate infection control practices such as:**

- Washing your hands;**
- Covering your cough and sneezes;**
- Maintaining an appropriate social distance of at least six (6) feet;**
- Not shaking hands or otherwise having physical contact with others;**
- If you are ill or feeling under the weather, please self-quarantine immediately.**

**Protecting the wellbeing of our residents and staff, remain our highest priority. We appreciate your help and understanding during this unprecedented time and situation.**

**Finally, please be assured that despite the challenges we all face, we will continue to live our mission by continuing to:**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Shaire Center is a strong organization because we believe in and strive to glorify our GOD by:\*appreciating our employees and giving them opportunities to grow\*honoring our elderly and giving them the best care possible\*acknowledging that all people are created not only equal, but each uniquely special \*believing that selfless determination, hard work, and the devoted commitment of a caring servant's heart can bring about good for others\*believing in our efforts to reach out by giving help to those in need\*striving for the highest standards of integrity in every area of our resident's lives. At Shaire Center a commitment means giving your word. And we believe in honoring our commitment to our residents, their families, our employees, our community, and our GOD.**

**Thank you for your patience, support and prayers during this time. Please contact Shaire with any questions (828) 728-6500.**