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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 yesterday that a staff member of our community tested positive for the virus. The impacted staff member has been quarantined to her home and will not be allowed to return to the facility until she tests negative.

As of this date, no other staff member or resident is displaying signs or symptoms of coronavirus, COVID-19. The facility will continue to monitor as follows:

- Staff and residents will have their temperatures taken twice per day checking for fever.
- Residents will be continuously be monitored for respiratory issues, shortness of breath and fever.
- Staff will be screened at the start of their shift for symptoms or questioned if they have been potentially exposed to coronavirus, COVID-19.
- Staff has been directed to stay home if they are sick and are unable to return to work until they have been tested for COVID-19.
- Staff is being tested weekly for COVID-19.
- Per protocol, all residents are being tested today for the coronavirus. We expect test results to be returned within a few days.
- We are currently limiting communal activities including social distancing and other infection control precautions.
- Residents are required to wear masks and stay in their rooms.
- Staff are required to wear N95 masks.
- Proper hand hygiene is being practiced per CDC guidelines.
- Infection control precautions have been enhanced.
- Only essential personnel are allowed into our community after being screened.
- Staff are participating in regular calls with our governmental and healthcare partners to understand the latest updates and current information related to COVID-19. We are following the Genesee County Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recommendations to help protect our residents' and community's exposure to this virus. See <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/3-13-2020-nursing-home-guidance-covid-19.pdf>, and related CDC supplemental guidance.

This is a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to provide you with updates. Please know that we are adhering to guidelines from the local and state health departments, which continue to evolve as we learn more about this virus.

We know that you may have questions and we encourage you to contact our center. Please call 810-735-9487, email us at [socialservices@argentinecarecenter.com](mailto:socialservices@argentinecarecenter.com), or visit our website [www.argentinecarecenter.com](http://www.argentinecarecenter.com) for updates.

Sincerely,

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