

## **COVID-19 NOTIFICATION**

**December 12, 2020**

**Number of additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours: 3**

Please continue to check our website for additional updates and information on what we are doing to help prevent further spread of COVID-19 in our facility.

If you have any questions or concerns about this notification, please contact us directly at 505-600-4800.



## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**December 16, 2020**

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 96 residents and 39 staff members test positive for COVID-19.

We are excited to share with you that we are working with Walgreens Pharmacy to provide the COVID-19 vaccine onsite to our residents and staff in the very near future. Currently, we are obtaining all the required vaccination consent forms, educating staff and residents, and gathering all the information necessary for this upcoming event.

The Spanish Trails Team continues to test residents and staff in accordance with the New Mexico Department of Health guidelines and the current greater than 10% county positivity rate for Bernalillo County. We also have rapid testing equipment in the facility which allows us to test both residents and staff and obtain COVID-19 results within approximately 15 minutes.

We continue to keep our residents in communication with their families via regular window visits and video/face time calls with their loved ones. We are making every effort to keep our residents engaged during this 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of COVID-19 and responding to their requests and preferences as timely as possible.

As always, we are working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 505-600-4800.

Sincerely,

*Mark McElwee*

Mark McElwee  
Administrator

## WEEKLY UPDATE

December 2, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus in July, we have had 87 residents and 35 staff members test positive for COVID-19.

We continue to test residents and staff in accordance with the New Mexico Department of Health guidelines and the current greater than 10% county positivity rate for Bernalillo County. We also have rapid testing equipment in the facility which allows us to test both residents and staff and obtain COVID-19 results within approximately 15 minutes.

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, a federal surveyor representing CMS conducted a COVID-19 focused survey at Spanish Trails to determine if our facility was in compliance with Federal requirements related to implementing proper infection prevention and control practices to prevent the development and transmission of COVID-19. The surveyor spent the entire day at Spanish Trails, reviewing our infection control and COVID-19 procedures, interviewing staff and residents, and touring the facility. At the exit conference at 5:30 pm, the surveyor remarked how hard the staff was working to eradicate COVID-19 and to promote and maintain a clean and safe environment for the residents. I'm pleased to report the facility only received 1 minor deficiency as a result of the survey.

We have also hired a number of new nurses and certified nursing assistants (CNAs) recently and continue to recruit for talented health care professionals to join the Spanish Trails Team.

The Spanish Trails Team continues to keep our residents in communication with their families via regular window visits and video/face time calls with their loved ones. We are making every effort to keep our residents engaged during this 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of COVID-19 and responding to their requests and preferences as timely as possible.

We are working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

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Sincerely,

*Mark McElwee*

Mark McElwee  
Administrator



## *Christmas Holiday Update*

*December 21, 2020*

Dear Residents/Families/Friends,

With Christmas and New Year's Eve around the corner, we would like to send you and your loved ones the warmest of holiday wishes. We know how difficult it is to celebrate this time of year without the same traditions we have all grown accustomed to, but with the COVID-19 vaccine becoming a reality in the very near future, we are more hopeful than ever that 2021 will bring happier and safer times for everyone.

At the time of this letter, we are pleased to report that we have no residents with the COVID-19 virus in the facility. Our cumulative number of cases year-to-date are as follows: 96 residents and 41 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19.

During the holiday season, we continue to keep our residents in communication with their families via regular window visits and video/face time calls with their loved ones. We are making every effort to keep our residents engaged during this 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of COVID-19 and responding to their requests and preferences as timely as possible.

We are also awaiting contact from our Walgreens Pharmacy partner to schedule the mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Spanish Trails in the near future. As always, we are extremely grateful that you have entrusted your loved ones to our care and we are making every effort to provide our residents with wonderful holidays.

Our regular weekly updates will resume next week and we will continue to update you on our website if we receive notifications of new confirmed cases of COVID-19. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

On behalf of the entire staff at Spanish Trails Rehabilitation Suites, I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,

*Mark McElwee*

Administrator



## **COVID-19 NOTIFICATION**

**December 3, 2020**

**Number of additional confirmed COVID-19 cases today: 1**

Please continue to check our website for additional updates and information on what we are doing to help prevent further spread of COVID-19 in our facility.

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## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

December 30, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. We are happy to report that, as of today, we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 96 residents and 41 staff members test positive for COVID-19.

As far as new staff updates, we are excited to let you know about two team members who joined the Spanish Trails Leadership Team in December. The first team member is Milinda Pacheco, our new HR/Payroll Coordinator. The second team member is Carly Brandenburg, RN, our new Director of Nursing. Milinda and Carly are incredibly talented, have great expertise in their respective fields, and are committed to making Spanish Trails both a wonderful place to live and work.

On Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Walgreens Mobile Pharmacy Clinic will be onsite at Spanish Trails to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to our residents and staff. The clinic will be held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Spanish Trails Team is also now working with Curative, a COVID-19 testing company that has partnered with the State of New Mexico. Curative is the COVID-19 testing company we will be using moving forward to test residents and staff weekly in accordance with the New Mexico Department of Health guidelines and the current greater than 10% county positivity rate for Bernalillo County. With respect to the local county positivity rate, I'm happy to share that the COVID-19 positivity rate for Bernalillo County continues to decline for the 4<sup>th</sup> straight week, standing at 11.4% as of December 28<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to Curative support, we also have rapid testing equipment in the facility which allows us to test both residents and staff and obtain COVID-19 results within approximately 15 minutes.

We continue to keep our residents in communication with their families via regular window visits and video/face time calls with their loved ones. We are making every effort to keep our residents engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic and responding to their requests and preferences as timely as possible.

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Sincerely,

*Mark McElwee*

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Administrator



## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

December 9, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 94 residents and 36 staff members test positive for COVID-19.

As you have probably heard, the CDC recently announced that healthcare workers and long-term care residents should be among the first group of people to receive the vaccine for COVID-19. We are optimistic this will help stop the spread of this virus in our community. Consents for the vaccines are currently available and while we do not have the exact dates that the vaccines will be administered, we will let you know as soon as that information is available. In the meantime, please continue to do your part in limiting the transmission of COVID-19 by wearing masks, washing your hands and keeping a safe distance from others.

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