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The Lodge at River Falls Comforts of Home and Pierce County Public Health Department Confirm Outbreak of COVID-19

The Lodge at River Falls Comforts of Home and Pierce County Public Health Department announced today that residents and staff members in the assisted living facility have tested positive for COVID-19. As of publication, 15 residents and eight staff members or personal care givers have tested positive. Three residents who tested positive have passed away.

“Together with senior living leaders, we have been preparing for the possibility of outbreaks in our senior living communities” said AZ Snyder, Health Officer. “Public Health is working closely with The Lodge at River Falls Comforts of Home staff to ensure everyone in the facility is closely monitored for symptoms. We have requested National Guard resources to assist with repeated testing in the facility to ensure we can identify any new cases quickly. Residents who have tested positive have been separated into a different wing of the building.” said Snyder.

Assisted living facilities have prepared for COVID-19 by implementing the following activities:

1. Restrict all indoor visitors except for compassionate care situations (for example, end-of-life).
2. Restrict all volunteers and nonessential health care personnel (HCP).
3. Actively screen all HCP for fever and symptoms before starting each shift; send them home if they are ill.
4. Encourage residents who must regularly leave the facility for medically necessary purposes (for example, residents receiving hemodialysis) wear a face mask whenever they leave their room, including for procedures outside of the facility.

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"Our leadership team is committed to serving our residents, their families, and staff," said Gigi Chollett, CEO. "Our team has responded bravely and compassionately to maintain aggressive infection control measures and proactive screening."

For the latest local Covid-19 information, including current case counts, please visit the Pierce County Coronavirus Response Hub: <https://covid-piercecounty-wi.hub.arcgis.com/>.

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