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To All Staff:

This is week twelve of our employee COVID-19 update.

Status Update

Each week we will provide you with updated information on COVID testing at all of our campuses.

Testing Tracker: Summary of Employees & Residents Diagnostic Testing								
Employees	To date (since pandemic start)				New Suspected Cases			
	Employees tested	Tests Pending	Employees Positive	Employees Negative	Employees tested	Tests Pending	Employees Positive	Employees Negative
Chase	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
GSFH	6	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
GSVE	11	0	1*	10	0	0	0	0
			* last worked 3/29					
Residents	To date (since pandemic start)				New Suspected Cases			
	Residents tested	Tests Pending	Residents Positive	Residents Negative	Residents tested	Tests Pending	Residents Positive	Residents Negative
Chase	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
GSFH	19	0	0	19	1	0	0	1
GSVE	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Tested as of 6/17/20					6/18/20-6/24/20			

Please note some testing was purely precautionary as the individual was asymptomatic. Ex: fall led to ER visit and tested.

Best Practices to Prevent COVID Exposure

Local and State Health Departments are defining COVID Exposure as any individual who had been in contact with a COVID confirmed individual within 6 feet **AND** for a prolonged period of time (10 minutes or greater). Please instruct all staff that whenever possible a distance greater than six feet from residents and other staff members should be maintained. With the practice of social distancing, we can greatly decrease the risk of exposing and potentially infecting our coworkers and residents.

How to Get Rent, Mortgage help in New York State

A new mortgage forbearance law that was signed into law last week which allows eligible New Yorker's to delay mortgage payment for up to 360 days, which also includes a variety of other related financial protections such as

rental help. For more information on this law and to see if you may eligible for some mortgage/rental relief, please call 833-499-0343, or additional information can be found at hcr.ny.gov.

NYS DOH Mandatory Testing for all Staff (Reminder)

Per the DOH guidelines for mandatory testing, the week runs from Wednesday-Tuesday. With that said, we are now in the week of June 24-30; a new week will start on July 1, which will run to July 1-7. When scheduling or planning your appointment to be tested, please keep the week dates in mind in order to be in compliance with the Executive Order.

The testing times for each campus will be as follows (**please note new testing times for GSVE**):

<u>GSFH</u>		<u>GSVE</u>		<u>Chase</u>	
Tuesday	2-4pm	Monday	2-4pm		
Wednesday	7-9am	Tuesday	2-4pm	Monday	5am-5pm
Thursday	2-4pm	Wednesday	2-4pm	Tuesday	5am-5pm
Friday	7-9am	Friday	2-4pm	Wednesday	5am-5pm

Results of Mass Testing (for employees who passed the screening process)

	Tested	Positive	Negative	Inconclusive or Indeterminate
GSFH	152	1 (per DOH- not a true positive and non-reportable)	150	1
GSVE	133	1	132	0
Chase	125	0	122	3

Phase 4 Reopening

The State has given the approval for the Southern Tier to move to Phase 4, which permits indoor religious gatherings at 33% of capacity, and allows low-risk indoor and outdoor arts and entertainment, film, and TV production and professional sports without fans. Gyms, malls, and movie theaters were supposed to be part of the Phase 4 reopening, but Governor Cuomo has decided not to allow those businesses to open. According to Jason Garnar, Broome County has one of the lowest COVID-19 rates in New York, so we were very disappointed by this news. At this point, we do not anticipate any changes in operations at any of our campuses driven by the move to Phase 4.

NYS Quarantine Travel Restrictions

All travelers entering New York from a state with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or higher than a 10% test positivity rate, over a 7-day rolling average, will be required to quarantine for a period of 14 days consistent with Department of Health regulations for quarantine.

The criteria and the protocols will be coordinated with New Jersey and Connecticut Commissioners of Health, in order to ensure that the tristate area is protected from community transmission of COVID-19, while permitting free travel between and among the states.

Any violation of a quarantine or isolation order issued to an individual pursuant to the Commissioner of the Department of Health's travel advisory by a local department of health or state department of health may be enforced pursuant to article 21 of the public health law, and non-compliance may additionally be deemed a violation pursuant to section 12 of the public health law subject to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.

Currently, the advisory applies to Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Texas.

Plexiglas Barriers

We look a little different...to protect our residents, staff, and future visitors, we continue to install Plexiglas barriers in many locations, such as the GSFH Café, Receptionist desks, and GSVE Pub.



LytBot- A New Highly Innovative Line of Defense and Attack against Pathogens

Each of our campuses has purchased and received a LytBot. This is a significant investment - over \$60,000 across our facilities over a three-year period, but we are committed to exploring innovative ways to protect our staff and residents. This is a robot that uses pulsed broad-wavelength with Ultraviolet C (UVC) Light which can eliminate pathogens in seconds. The robot runs ultra-fast cycles quickly and reliably targeting surface based pathogen load reducing the risk of infection spread. A single resident room, including the bathroom, can be disinfected in 15 minutes.

Targeted Disinfection: 80% or more of pathogen load in a room resides on 'high touch' surfaces. LytBot's engineered reflector system amplifies energy levels directed at these surfaces – meaning more energy and more efficacy.

Pulsed UVC uses two distinct mechanisms to kill pathogens: 254 nm Germicidal UV-C light and Micro-organism disintegration.

- Maxpulse: High frequency bulb flash rate delivers disinfection energy in to the environment quickly and effectively, rapidly destroying vegetative and spore forming pathogens.
- Micro-organism disintegration: This is caused by using all bands of light from 100 nm to 1000 nm. These bands of light are made up of billions of high energy photons of light. The high energy photons of light blast pathogen cells and are absorbed. As high energy photons are absorbed by the pathogen, heat rises

and the cell starts to expand. Eventually the heat causes the cell to expand so much that the micro-organism explodes.

Solaris, the manufacturer, will be training key employees at each facility on how to use these new hi-tech systems.

Extended “*We Care*” Differential

Please see letter from Mike Keenan, President/CEO



We really appreciate your ongoing commitment to Good Shepherd-thanks for all you do. Enjoy the warmer weather!

Sincerely,

Linda Parke
Director of Human Resources