



## URGENT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 8, 2020

**TO:** All Atterdag Residents & Families

**FROM:** Chris Parker, Executive Director

**RE:** One Staff Member Tested Positive for COVID-19

Dear Atterdag Family,

Atterdag Village was notified Monday (09/07/2020) of a positive test case for one of our non-patient care staff members that had been exposed in their home by another family member. This staff member has not worked in the past seven days. To be proactive and as a precaution we have already tested those staff who worked with this individual last week, all tested negative.

Atterdag Village currently has no residents that have tested positive or are exhibiting any symptoms. Should a Resident within the Care Center setting exhibit symptoms we will immediately set-up a separate wing for COVID positive residents and have dedicated staff caring only for these residents. We want all of our families to know that creating a separate area may require the moving of residents within the Care Center into other rooms. Please know that this will only be done if necessary and it is a precautionary step to keep your loved ones as safe as possible. Should we have a case anywhere else on campus, residents will be isolated to their specific rooms/apartments with dedicated staff caring for them.

Atterdag Village will continue to allow onsite visitors with Santa Barbara County and CA State parameters in place. I recognize that these restrictions (especially for the Care Center) make interacting very difficult. Please know that Atterdag Village will continue to follow State and Local guidelines and will lessen restrictions as soon as safely feasible. I appreciate everyone's patience during these challenging times.

As the number of over all cases in Santa Barbara County increases, we will continue to closely monitor all Staff and Residents for any signs of COVID-19 and take all steps necessary to keep each member of our Atterdag Family safe. Isolation procedures are in place should we need to implement.

Please know that we have followed, and will continue to do so, all guidance set forth for privacy, patient care, employee safety, and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 as provided by the California Department of Health (DOH), Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD) and the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Prior to each shift, staff are required to wash their hands, take their temperature, and answer a series of questions to ensure they are not exhibiting any known COVID-19 symptoms. Any employees developing symptoms during a shift would be immediately sent home and directed to quarantine. This process is also followed for any essential healthcare workers such as hospice staff.

We also conduct a rigorous sanitation regimen that follows or exceeds all state and federal guidelines. We have increased the daily volume of cleaning done in common, residential and medical areas. All protective and medical equipment are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected or disposed of accordingly.

Atterdag Village continues to practice safe distancing guidelines by limiting the number of people in one area and maintaining 6 feet of separation. As of this week the IL residents are enjoying outdoor dining on the Village Green three days a week. The main Independent Living (IL) Dining Room has been closed for some time now, with meals delivered to each IL resident apartment.

We will continue to provide you with periodic updates with as much information as we can on our efforts to combat COVID-19. On behalf of our entire Atterdag Family, I want to thank each of you for your continued patience and prayers. It means a great deal to us.

Sincerely,



Chris Parker,  
Executive Director

cc Board of Directors