



**URGENT MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 10, 2020

**TO:** All Atterdag Residents & Families

**FROM:** Chris Parker, Executive Director

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

Dear Atterdag Family,

Atterdag was notified this morning (11/10/2020) of a positive test case for one of our non-health care staff members that had been exposed offsite. To be proactive and as a precaution we will be testing all residents and staff. Currently no Residents or other staff are exhibiting any symptoms.

Effectively immediately all dining rooms will be closed with all meals delivered to rooms and all visitations are cancelled until further notice.

Atterdag Assisted Living

Assisted Living Visitation has stopped until further notice. Should a Resident within the Assisted Living setting exhibit symptoms that resident will be isolated to his/her specific room with dedicated staff caring for him/her.

Atterdag Personal Care

Personal Care Visitation has stopped until further notice. Should a Resident within the Personal Care setting exhibit symptoms that resident will be isolated to his/her specific room with dedicated staff caring for him/her.

Independent Living

Independent Living Visitation has stopped until further notice. Should a Resident within the Independent Living setting exhibit symptoms that resident will be isolated to his/her specific apartment with dedicated staff caring for him/her.

## Atterdag Care Center

Care Center Visitation has stopped until further notice. 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.

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 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. Please be advised, that should we have a positive case in a specific level of care outdoor visiting for that level of care would be cancelled immediately.

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