



## URGENT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 20, 2020

**TO:** All Atterdag Residents & Families

**FROM:** Chris Parker, Executive Director

**RE:** Independent Living Resident Tested Positive for COVID-19

Dear Atterdag Family,

Atterdag was notified this morning (11/20/2020) of one positive test case for an Independent Living Resident. This Resident and companion will be isolated to their apartment with dedicated staff caring for them. Everyone who has worked within the apartment or has been near this resident will be “target tested”.

We are continuing to test all staff and monitor residents for any symptoms. Currently no other residents are exhibiting any symptoms.

The following shall remain closed until target testing results returned:

- Dining rooms will remain closed with all meals delivered to rooms
- Resident common areas, such as the Don Sorenson Living Room
- Foyer/mailboxes, with all mail delivered directly to rooms
- Exercise classes will be closed temporarily. (We will update on Monday).
- The salon will be temporarily closed to Independent Living Residents. The salon shall remain open for the Care Center, Assisted Living and Personal Care Residents.
- All visitations remain cancelled until further notice
- Resident offsite shopping trips cancelled. Julie Quinney will assist with shopping needs.

As indicated previously, we are seeing a significant increase in COVID cases across the Country. We appreciate your support in keeping our seniors safe.

### 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 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.

### 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. 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.

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