



## URGENT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 4, 2020

**TO:** All Atterdag Residents & Families

**FROM:** Chris Parker, Executive Director

**RE:** Staff Member Positive COVID Test

Dear Atterdag Family,

Atterdag was notified late last night of one positive COVID test for one of our Assisted Living staff members. This person has not worked for the past 4 days and exhibited no signs or symptoms the last day worked. The exposure occurred at home. We are continuing to test all staff weekly and will be retesting all residents within the Assisted Living building today and next week as a precaution. Currently, no residents are exhibiting any symptoms. We are seeing a significant increase in COVID cases across the County and will continue to maintain all precautions as currently implemented.

On a positive note Atterdag Village was notified yesterday that vaccinations could begin as early as late December. We are currently working with CVS Pharmacy and the Santa Barbara Public Health Department to coordinate the timing and process.

### Atterdag Assisted Living

Assisted Living Visitations will continue outside. 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 Visitations will continue outside. 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 will continue outside. 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 will continue outside at this time. 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