

TO: PMMA Residents, Family Members and Visitors
 FROM: Bruce H. Shogren, President/CEO
 CC: PMMA Board of Trustees, PMMA Senior Leadership
 RE: COVID-19 Update – “**STAY THE COURSE**” – *Surveillance Testing Requirements*
 DATE: September 10, 2020

Recently, our employees were given news of yet another mandate regarding additional testing from the Center of Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS). As this will affect all PMMA employees, I want you and your family to know about this newest CMS mandated testing concerning **surveillance testing requirements** for all staff, volunteers, and individuals providing services to our PMMA communities. The frequency of these tests will be based upon each one of our community’s county positivity rate of tests that are being done. The table below summarizes the minimum testing frequency based upon a county’s positivity rate from the prior week’s testing period.

Routine Surveillance Testing Intervals Vary by County COVID-19 Activity Level

Community COVID-19 Activity	County Positivity Rate in the Past Week	Minimum Testing Frequency
Low	Less than 5%	Once a month
Medium	5% - 10%	Once a week*
High	Greater than 10%	Twice a week*

Even though the primary persons to be tested will be our employees, we believe it is necessary to inform our residents and families about this new testing process. When you hear that our employees are being routinely tested, we want you to know it is not because of our communities’ positivity rate, but rather it is based upon the surrounding county’s rate of COVID positive cases. The goal is to remain very transparent on this process as well.

Lastly, even with the addition of the surveillance testing, we will be continuing our daily screening process for fever and symptoms for all residents, staff, and any visitors who enter our buildings.

Our trust and confidence in the ability - to see the residents and fellow staff members through this COVID-19 environment - is at the core of this organization and its mission. On behalf of the Senior Leadership Team, we send our deepest appreciation and gratitude to our staff for their unwavering dedication to the PMMA residents and their family members. My ending bible verse, I believe, truly describes our staff’s devotion to our residents. Thank you!

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
 John 15:12

God’s Blessings,



Bruce H. Shogren
 President/CEO