



November 24, 2020

Dear Guild Community,

With only two days until Thanksgiving, The Guild's residents are at a low [COVID-positive rate](#) with zero COVID transmissions traced back to family visits. As such, we continue to move forward with our existing [visitation protocols](#). Thank you for all of the families who have worked with staff to provide visitation attestations and socially distant holiday plans that align with [Secretary Sudders' guidance](#) for staying safe this holiday season.

We also want to show our deepest gratitude for staff members who are respecting the vulnerability of The Guild to community transmission of COVID and staying safe at home and at work for the Thanksgiving holiday. Your self-care not only protects your safety, it supports the lives of 140 individuals who depend on The Guild.

Upon return from the holiday, we have scheduled Guild-wide COVID testing to be completed within the incubation period after Thanksgiving. And, of course, we will continue to move forward with our regular surveillance testing protocols as well.

### **Quarantines**

In the event that a house needs to quarantine due to a positive test result for a resident, The Guild will continue to follow the existing [shelter-in-place protocols](#). Unfortunately, a positive test result prior to Thanksgiving will necessitate cancelation of home visits for that house. Likewise, in the event of a positive test result for a staff member in a house prior to Thanksgiving, all home visits for that house will be canceled.

Throughout the holiday season and beyond, The Guild will follow the Executive Office of Health and Human Services' (EOHHS) guidance for quarantining houses in which a staff member has tested positive. The staff member will be removed from shift to isolate outside of The Guild. The house where the positive employee worked will be placed under a 14-day quarantine. [Qualified essential workers](#) will continue to work their regularly scheduled shifts in that house with medical-grade personal protective equipment. All staff and residents will be tested for COVID-19. In the event



that a resident tests positive for COVID-19, the house quarantine will shift to a shelter-in-place quarantine.

While this is not the holiday we expected, The Guild extends heartfelt wishes of safety and appreciation this Thanksgiving to all those we serve. May you and your families have a healthy and joyful holiday!

With gratitude,

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