



Hello. It's Bill Bogdanovich, from Broad Reach. I will begin with the key statistics update:

- There continue to be no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our patients, residents or staff.
- Testing continues to occur when someone has symptoms or when a test is required for other medical screening purposes. There have been no staff or tests ordered this week. One resident was tested for discharge clearance, and one based on symptoms. One result is negative and the other is still pending at this time.

A surveillance testing program was released by the Department of Public Health a few days ago. It requires a new round of staff baseline testing to be completed in the next two weeks, with the frequency of follow-up testing determined by those results and the number of cases per 100,000 people living in the region. At a minimum, 30% of staff would be required to be retested every two weeks. We are in the process of making arrangements for this new round of testing and anticipate starting next week. Requirements for testing of asymptomatic residents and patients are determined by the results of the staff testing.

The scheduled 1:1 outdoor visits have continued, and the weather has been pretty cooperative. Recent changes to visitors from out of state and quarantine have removed the 14 day requirement, so you may now schedule an outdoor visit without delay, but that's only for those visiting the Cape from New York, New Jersey and the New England States. Please remember to schedule those visits directly with Steve Franco at Liberty Commons and Stefanie Murray at The Victorian. Also, be sure to also let Steve or Stef know directly if you have to cancel a scheduled visit.

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Department of Public Health have also just released guidance that will allow some out of room dining and recreation services to be reintroduced, with heavy emphasis on outside, and in very carefully prescribed ways. We will be developing our protocols from their guidance, reviewing with local authorities as applicable, and would anticipate that they will be operationalized in the coming week. You'll find all of this new stuff on the COVID-19 Information tab of our web site.

A final thought as it seems there is much to celebrate about these changes. The COVID-19 risk only becomes greater. Please encourage those around you, especially in our communities, not to let their guard down. Social distancing, masks and handwashing are going to be more important than ever before. We have to be firm in our commitments to being as careful as we have been. As you know, the lives of people very important to all of us depend on it.

Our dedicated information line for general questions on COVID19 remains available at 508.945.1611 x 378. You are asked to leave your name and a number for a callback, within the next business day. You may also submit an inquiry by email to [info@broadreachhealth.org](mailto:info@broadreachhealth.org).

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, everyone!