

“For Your Information”

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Health Alert

At UPMC Senior Communities, the health and safety of our residents and staff are our top priorities. While we are taking all necessary steps to prevent and limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus on our campus, we have learned that one of our independent living residents has tested positive for COVID-19.

We received notification today that one of our residents in independent living participated in off campus testing for the COVID-19 virus and the result is positive. The good news is this resident is doing well and not displaying any symptoms of being sick. There is very low risk of transmission on the Sherwood Oaks campus. Anyone with the possibility of contact with this individual has already been notified. The resident will be quarantined in their patio home for a minimum of 14 days and our community nursing will monitor for any health-related needs. We want to make sure our residents, their families, and our dedicated staff are aware of this situation and that necessary steps have been taken to isolate the individual(s) to safely manage their illness and prevent spreading to others. We have notified public health officials as required.

The Sherwood Oaks leadership team is working with the UPMC Wolff Center to ensure we maintain open communication and a healthy living and work environment for all. It is important to note again that there is a very, very low risk of any transmission on the campus. We will communicate any further developments.

This is an opportunity to once again reinforce the importance of consistently wearing a mask, physical distancing of at least 6 feet and frequent hand hygiene including handwashing for at least 20 seconds and hand sanitizer. You can also visit [UPMC.com](https://www.upmc.com) for the latest information pertinent to COVID-19 and safety precautions.

Asymptomatic Testing

In accordance with Governor Wolf’s regulatory testing mandate of all skilled and personal care facilities, we already had asymptomatic (no presence of symptoms of illness) testing scheduled on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week. This only includes residents in the health center and employees on campus. We do not expect any concerns to arise from this testing but will be sure to share the results with you.

It has been and continues to be important to monitor yourself for symptoms such as fever, coughing and shortness of breath. If you experience any such symptoms, please call Community Nursing at ext. 8496 (724-776-8496) and your primary care physician. Anyone with respiratory symptoms should not travel about the campus and use the telephone instead.