

May 21st 2020 COVID-19 Update to Heritage of Edina Families

- While the Governor's order does take steps to re-open businesses in Minnesota, our mission to protect you and our residents from COVID-19 remains our priority.
- The greatest COVID-19 risk comes from the movement of persons into and out of our facility. Anyone who leaves and then returns to our facility can potentially bring COVID-19 into our facility.
- All staff (and residents) of nursing facilities and assisted living will be tested for COVID-19 over the next few weeks under a directive from Governor Walz. Minnesota is joining the majority of states encouraging facility-wide testing as a tool for mitigating transmission by asymptomatic individuals (both staff and residents). Heritage currently performs COVID-19 testing for staff and resident when necessary. Further updates to be given to us on facility wide testing.
- Until we receive any notice to the contrary from the state, visitor restrictions remain in place in our community-as does requirements for screening and the use of personal protective equipment on all shifts.
- Until we receive any notice to the contrary, limitations for resident transports out of the facility remain in place, including the recommendation that if a resident leaves the facility to stay with a friend/family member, exposures to the persons with COVID-19 cannot be ruled out. Upon the residents return, the resident must be quarantined in a private room with a private (not shared) bathroom.
- We also continue to remind staff not to come to work ill and to immediately report any symptoms to your supervisor prior to or experienced during a shift.
- Heritage continues with our policies, residents only allowed to leave for an essential medical need, we urge families to help us follow the guidelines set by our state and ensuring the safety of all.

Thank you again for all of our family and community support through these times.