

DAUGHTERS OF MIRIAM CENTER THE GALLEN INSTITUTE

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AN UPDATE FROM DAUGHTERS OF MIRIAM CENTER ON COVID-19

As of 9/15/20 at 1:30 PM:

Census 138

- 0 Residents have tested positive for COVID-19
- 0 Residents are considered Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19
- 21 New Admissions under observation
- 75 Residents have successfully recovered from COVID-19

- 1 Center staff have tested positive for COVID-19
- 0 Center staff are considered Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19

- 47 Residents have passed away due to COVID-19 during this pandemic
- 0 Center staff have passed away due to COVID-19 during this pandemic

As this crisis continues to deeply affect all of New Jersey but especially long-term care facilities where nursing home residents and sub-acute patients require assistance with all activities of daily living, we are taking all recommended steps to contain the spread of this virus at Daughters of Miriam Center. Currently we have nursing home residents who have either tested positive for COVID-19 or are Persons Under Investigation for the virus, so we wanted to provide you with additional detailed information on how we are handling this situation:

- The Center is now open for admissions. You will note a new statistic above as all new admissions to the Center are automatically considered under observation and are quarantined for 14 days.
- The NJ Department of Health recently made an unannounced survey to investigate our infection control procedures and found DMC successfully met the requirements and was deficiency-free.
- Per New Jersey Department of Health guidelines all nursing home residents and staff will be tested with additional follow up testing done on a weekly basis.
- Rigorous cleaning and sanitation of our facilities including the use of backpack sprayers.

We are committed to being as forthcoming and transparent as we can during this difficult situation. Daily Facility Status Updates are posted on the Daughters of Miriam Center website at daughtersofmiriamcenter.org and can be accessed by clicking on the top right of the main page on the link for "Covid-19 Update."

We understand you may have questions or concerns regarding your loved one so please do not hesitate to reach out to the Director of Social Services, Myrna Gomez, at 973-253-5233 or mgomez@daughtersofmiriamcenter.org or nursing supervisors Annabelle at 973-508-7107 or Marie at 973-508-2262. Please be aware they will return your call or email as soon as possible.

Our thoughts are with the families of those lost to this unprecedented pandemic. Our entire staff continues to work tirelessly to care for all of our nursing home residents and sub-acute patients in this difficult situation.

Frank DaSilva
CEO
Daughters of Miriam Center