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To our Residents and Family Members:

We want to inform you of one “low positive” case of COVID-19 at Geer Nursing and Rehab Center. In our last update we notified all responsible parties that the Department of Health (DPH) released new guidance to CT nursing homes regarding a plan for testing all residents. DPH, with the assistance from the National Guard, provided us with supplies to test all residents on Tuesday, 5/19/20. Test results are now coming in with one case of identified as “low positive” out of the initial 40 tests. A “low positive” result simply means that the amount of virus detected in this one resident is very small. We are still waiting on the results for the remaining 58 residents. If we identify any additional cases of COVID-19 we will be reaching out to everyone with a phone call and a letter. We will also post this notice on our website www.geercares.org. We are doing everything we can to ensure we stop the spread of COVID-19 within Geer Nursing, including staying in very close communication with local and state health experts to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps.

We want to assure everyone that we will contact you immediately if your loved one is suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19. Currently we only have had only the one confirmed case of COVID-19 on the Geer campus.

We understand that you are concerned about your loved one, but it is crucial that we continue to restrict visitation per CDC guidelines to reduce the chance of spread of this virus. We also understand that connecting with family members is incredibly important to our residents. Family members are encouraged to connect with their loved ones through video chat, calling, texting, or other social media formats. To arrange a virtual visit with your loved one, please contact Dan Rupenski via email at drupenski@geercares.org or by phone at 860-824-3801.

We need your help in battling COVID-19. Please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) website](https://www.cdc.gov) to learn how you can help prevent the spread in our community.

We know this is a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to provide you with updates as they become available. Please know that we are strictly adhering to all directions from the local and state health department.

If you have any questions you may contact Geer’s Infection Preventionist Melissa Foley at 860-824-3861 or e-mail us at coronavirusquestions@geercares.org.

Sincerely,

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