



Pine Run Statement
April 7, 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the entire region, and Pine Run Health Center is not excluded. We are experiencing challenges in staffing due to the crisis. Some staff are in self-quarantine while they await test results; a few have tested positive. Other tests have come back negative and those staff members will soon return to work. Still other staff members share the same anxiety as many in the region.

According to Scott Levy, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Doylestown Health, “Several Pine Run Health Center residents who are presumed or tested positive for COVID-19 were moved to a single floor in order to protect residents and staff. Just as importantly, these measures mitigate opportunity for further spread elsewhere in the building. Today, we are confident that all current COVID-19 patients are on that floor, and we have taken aggressive proactive steps to protect all individuals in the building.”

Concurrently, the Administrator of the Health Center is actively walking throughout the building and on the floors to observe and assist in the care of patients, and several Doylestown Health physicians are redeployed to assist in the Health Center. In the absence of routine and elective tests and procedures at Doylestown Hospital, some clinical staff members are also being redeployed to areas of need, such as Pine Run Health Center.

Additionally, all Pine Run Health Center staff are assigned to work on single, specific floors to prevent the spread within the Health Center.

“We are working diligently with all our partners in Doylestown Health and the Department of Health,” said Maria Santangelo, Executive Director of Pine Run. “The stresses we are experiencing are similar to others throughout the region. However, we have taken aggressive action and are confident that working together we will have the best outcome possible.”

Pine Run has various restrictions in place to help prevent spread of COVID-19:

- We suspended all visits to all Pine Run facilities on March 15.
- We suspended all group activities, dining, gatherings, etc.
- We isolated all floors in the Health Center including designated staff by floor.
- We restricted family visits only end-of-life residents in our hospice unit.
- On April 6, we will close our Ferry Road entrance. Everyone will be required to enter through our Iron Hill Road entrance and be screened at a gatehouse.



Retirement Community

Finally, to ensure the continued good health of the Pine Run Village, effective tomorrow, April 8, we will close Independent Living to outside visitors. If Villagers' families wish to see them, they can meet in the Iron Hill Road cul-de-sac. Villagers can contact Transportation at Ext. 5177 and arrange for a Pine Run vehicle to take them there where they can visit while practicing social distancing.