



## **Statement to Interested Parties – August 24, 2020**

“At The Laurels of DeKalb, the safety and well-being of our residents, employees and surrounding community is our top priority, and we are doing everything possible to limit the spread of COVID-19 at our facility and care for those who are affected.

The Laurels of DeKalb has been committed to effective communication during this unprecedented time in our history. The latest COVID-related facility data, made accessible in cooperation with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reporting regulations, as well as information on our mitigating actions for families and other stakeholders, is available on our COVID-19 Resources page ([www.laurelsfdekalb.com/covid-19-resources](http://www.laurelsfdekalb.com/covid-19-resources)). Facility data includes:

- **New Onset of Respiratory Symptoms** – The number of staff/residents newly identified as exhibiting respiratory symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the CDC on that day.
- **Confirmed Infection of COVID-19** – The number of staff/residents with whom their first positive result was received utilizing an FDA-approved COVID-19 test kit on that day.
- **New Onset Respiratory Symptoms Over the Last 7 Days** – The cumulative number over the last 7 days of the new onset of respiratory symptoms for staff/residents.
- **Total of Confirmed Infections of COVID-19** – The cumulative number of confirmed infections of COVID-19 for staff/residents currently at the facility as of today.
- **Recovered from Infection of COVID-19** – Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications with progressive improvement or resolution of other symptoms since May 1, 2020.
- **Cumulative Confirmed Infections of COVID-19** – The cumulative number of confirmed infections of COVID-19 for staff/residents since May 1, 2020 regardless of whether or not the infections are still active.

The Laurels has been implementing and acting on guidance from external agencies such as CMS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Indiana Health Care Association since February 2020 and has maintained regular contact with state and local health departments to ensure we are following recommended directives.

We will continue our care and services according to CMS and CDC guidance and in collaboration with the DeKalb County Health Department. We have been moved by the outpouring of support from the Butler community and we truly appreciate everyone’s continued cooperation and understanding.”

Respectfully,

**Jeff Shepard**  
Regional Director of Operations, Laurel Health Care Company

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