



Statement to Interested Parties from The Laurels of Salisbury

July 26, 2022

Regarding Our Facility's Current COVID-19 Status

As of July 26, 2022, The Laurels of Salisbury has 35 active cases of COVID-19, 18 involving residents and 17 involving staff. Reported symptoms have been generally mild and resemble the common cold, including sore throat, runny nose, and fatigue. Staff members who have tested positive are recovering off site and will not be returning to work until cleared to do so, consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

The safety and well-being of our residents, employees, visitors, and surrounding community is our top priority, and we continue to do everything we can to limit the spread of the virus. The Laurels of Salisbury has been implementing and acting on guidance from external agencies such as the CDC, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services since February 2020. Our leadership has maintained close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are following recommended preventative steps, and we modify our actions based on the guidance we are given.

[Research](#) has repeatedly shown that high spread in the [general community](#) is the number one indicator of COVID-19 outbreaks and infections in skilled nursing facilities like The Laurels. While positive COVID-19 cases in these facilities are unfortunately anticipated due to the spread of the BA.5 variant across the country, it is a difficult situation for everyone involved, and we empathize with our residents, employees, families, and community during this challenging time.

We will continue our care and services according to CMS and CDC guidance and in collaboration with the Rowan County Health Department. We truly appreciate everyone's cooperation, understanding, and support.

Please Note

- Our current resident vaccination rate is 86.2% (84% are boosted) and our staff vaccination rate 90.6% (47.1% are boosted), consistent with the current North Carolina state average for skilled nursing facilities. We continue to encourage and educate residents and staff on the importance of vaccines and booster shots, and we recurrently offer vaccine clinics at our facilities.

- The Laurels of Salisbury has no further comment on its COVID-19 status. If you have not done so already, please consider getting [vaccinated](#) and/or [boosted](#).