



Statement to Interested Parties – April 30, 2020

The Laurels of Steubenville recently received confirmation of positive cases of COVID-19 at the facility. To protect privacy, no additional information about the confirmed cases will be shared. Families of residents were notified of the first confirmed case earlier this month.

The Laurels has been implementing and acting on guidance from external agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Department of Health and Human Services since February 28, 2020. We have restricted visitors from entering our facility since the national advisement on March 11, ceased group activities within the building, and have continually monitored residents and screened staff members and essential external personnel for symptoms daily.

Any resident who has a positive test result receives supportive treatment in an isolated section of the facility or is transported to the hospital as directed by the attending physician or Jefferson County Health Department. Employees who test positive receive direction from their personal physician and/or the health department, consistent with CDC guidelines.

Our leadership team is in regular contact with Jefferson County Health Department and we are tremendously grateful to JCHD for its continued support and guidance.

The well-being of residents, employees, families and our surrounding community is always our top priority. We greatly appreciate Steubenville's outpouring of well wishes and everyone's cooperation and understanding during this unprecedented time.

Respectfully,

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