



June 25, 2021

Dear Residents, Family Members, Employees and Vendors,

In response to the recent notification of a COVID-19 positive direct care employee, we initiated interval testing on Wednesday June 23rd, 2021. Testing was offered for all residents as well as employees and supporting essential vendors.

Testing Results from June 23rd, 2021:

- 103 Residents were tested and all results are **negative**.
- 163 employees were tested and all results are **negative**.

Additional interval testing will take place again on Friday July 2nd, 2021 for residents and staff who had potential exposure. Please be aware there were no high-risk exposures identified for any resident. In the event of a positive result, we will notify the employee, resident and/or their representative directly.

We continue following the latest guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as Hawaii State Department of Health for prevention and treatment. This includes guidance on safely returning to work for staff after recovery from COVID-19.

As part of our increased infection prevention measures, we are taking additional precautionary measures including:

- Increased and ongoing staff education on the signs, symptoms and transmission of COVID -19
- Enhanced infection prevention and control measures including expanded use of personal protective equipment and increased disinfecting and cleaning routines
- Continued pre-entry screening of all residents, staff and visitors
- Ongoing visitation guidelines for anyone entering our facility
- Routine staff testing as directed by CMS, CDC and HDOH
- Limiting of group activities and encouraging social distancing

Unfortunately, due to current rules, visitation is on hold until additional testing is completed. We hope to reinstitute visitation as soon and as safely possible. Please note that visitation may vary for residents based on current guidance per CMS and HDOH, also based on the resident's location within the facility and their vaccination status.

We encourage you to watch for these communication updates which will also be posted on our website at www.alohanursing.com. In addition, I can be reached by email at dschadel@alohanursing.com or call (808) 247-2220 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Darrin Schadel
Administrator