



Update: July 14, 2020

Farmington Square Salem Update Regarding Covid-19 Positive Cases

The health and wellness of our residents and team members is, and always has been, our number one priority. As soon as first reports of Coronavirus cases started to happen in the United States, Farmington Square Salem implemented extra precautions in efforts to keep residents and staff safe. After several months of no signs of COVID-19, and despite all efforts, Farmington Square Salem has received positive test results for COVID-19.

We were notified of a caregiver with a positive test result for COVID-19 on June 22, 2020. The caregiver worked in a single cottage and all exposed employees and residents were tested. All tests came back negative. Out of precaution, on July 6, 2020 we started the process of testing all residents and staff when a team member reported she had been tested and was symptomatic. Since July 13, 2020, we have received results of 13 positive residents isolated to one cottage, and 5 positive staff member tests. We are awaiting final testing information.

Farmington square is working in coordination with the Oregon Health Authority and the Marion County Health department for testing or re-testing all residents and staff. Notifications to family members have been made and contact to responsible parties are being made as test results are received.

Personal Protective Equipment & Safety Procedures

Farmington Square Salem currently has, and has had, personal protective equipment to keep our residents and staff safe including N95 masks. Sister communities of Farmington Square Salem, local donations, and suppliers have worked on continued sourcing additional PPE for ongoing use.

For the safety of staff and residents, or residents with Covid-positive test results are isolated to one building. It includes a safety vestibule for staff to don and doff PPE safely and per CDC guidelines.

We feel supported by the local health authorities and appreciate their efforts in navigating this situation.

Staffing

We are grateful to heroic staff and care partners in their efforts to provide the best in care and comfort for our residents. Working with the challenges of Assisted and Memory Care has never been an easy job, but our staff's passion for resident care has always been evident. During this incredibly trying time their efforts have gone above-and-beyond in making sure the residents of Farmington Square Salem have been engaged, connected with loved ones, and truly cared for. Health care staff and those supporting the health and safety of our staff and residents are truly heroes.

Covid-19 Community Response:



As mentioned, Farmington Square Salem took the potential dangers of Covid-19 seriously from the time that initial cases were being reported throughout the United States. Additional universal precautions in cleaning and sterilization and additional staff training were implemented on March 2, 2020. Limitations on non-medically necessary visitations were requested starting March 5, 2020. Full limitation of visitation to only medically necessary professionals began March 11, 2020.

Precautions taken include:

- We have detailed and specific plans in place for a wide range of emergencies and illnesses. Our staff is trained in infection control practices and we follow these protocols every day. We have made sure additional training has been conducted with all our staff and that policies reflect up-to-date information provided by the CDC.
- We discontinued public outings and events since mid-March and continue to do so.
- Group activities were discontinued where social distancing could not reasonably be maintained, but individual resident engagement activities continue.
- Cleaning procedures increased. We have also purchased and implemented the use of the Bioesque's Botanical Disinfectant Solution and Victory Innovations Electrostatic Sprayer—a combination that can be safely used on all surfaces that kills Coronavirus in four minutes.
- Medical appointments were not disrupted, and telehealth was implemented where appropriate.
- We have restricted visitation to essential medical personnel since mid-March.
- All who enter our communities are temperature screened by a temporal thermometer and must affirm a series of necessary questions in regard to COVID-19 risk factors attesting they have no signs nor symptoms, and have not traveled to an area of outbreak. All essential medical visitors must sign in, sharing their contact information, and agreement to policies regarding COVID-19.
- Farmington Square currently has, and has had, all necessary Personal Protective Equipment to keep our residents and staff safe including N95 masks.

Going Forward:

As Farmington Square Salem navigates this challenge, we remain focused on providing exceptional care and service for our residents and a safe environment for our staff. This includes sharing regular updates and information and taking any precautions required to limit the spread of illness or misinformation. Farmington Square continues to monitor all residents for any Covid-19 relative symptoms on a routine basis and stay committed to communication with our residents, family members, and staff. Staff and residents will be tested as often as necessary and as access is available.

For Updates:

We are focusing on the wellness of our residents and staff and are not currently doing interviews for that reason.



- For questions regarding Coronavirus in Washoe County please visit: <https://www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/COVID-19>
- Facilities with Reported Covid-19 Cases: <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/COVID-19/Pages/LTC-Facilities.aspx>
- We will also continue to provide updates on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/farmingtonsquaresalem>