



Update September 11, 2020:

Our onsite staff and residents remain symptom and Covid free.

This week the state of Oregon has been inundated with fires. Our community has emergency plans in place and are continuing to watch evacuation notices. We have had the opportunity to open our doors to residents of our sister community, Sweetbriar Villa, as they were required to evacuate earlier this week.

Our staff, many of which were dealing with home evacuations and loss, showed up for our residents despite their personal situations. After months showing us great strength of character and passion for care in dealing with Coronavirus, they continue to show us what heroes look like. In the meantime, we are continuing to support each other, our residents, and local community through this tough time.

Thank you to the many first responders who are out there fighting these fires and helping to keep our city, surrounding areas, and state safe.

Update: August 28, 2020:

To continue communication regarding Covid-19 and our community we wanted to share an update to our recent note.

We continue to test and retest staff and residents in coordination with our local health authorities. We have no residents within our community with symptoms or positive tests for Covid-19.

For the safety of our residents and staff we are offering scheduled virtual visits only at this time. Please reach out to the Executive Director to schedule your virtual visit.

Please see our most recent update about our Covid-19 Response, including visitor guidelines:

Update: August 20, 2020

Farmington Square Salem Update Regarding Covid-19 Positive Cases

Recoveries & Continued Prevention Plans

Since our first case of Covid-19 we have been working in coordination with the Oregon Health Authority and the Marion County Health Department for testing and re-testing of all residents and staff. In this process we have discovered that all but one of our positive cases of Covid-19 were isolated to one of our six cottages.

The testing has also provided results regarding all staff and residents thus far. At our peak, we have had 16 staff receive positive test results. All but three of which have recovered and returned to work



following CDC guidelines for essential workers. As of August 13, 2020, one more team member tested positive.

Our additional positive test, bringing our overall count from 33 to 34 positive cases, was an employee from a different building than the other cases. The employee became symptomatic while away from work and tested positive on August 13th after being tested on August 10th. The employee last worked in the community on August 6, 2020 and did not have any direct contact with residents. No other residents or staff members have shown any symptoms at this time.

We have had 15 residents who have tested positive for Covid-19. As of August 5, 2020, all current residents have recovered per CDC guidelines.

We are continuing the process of retesting staff and residents on a regular basis. All responsible parties of our residents are notified of positive test results of their loved one. In addition, all findings are being reported to the Health Department and Department of Human Services (DHS) as new tests come in.

Safety Procedures

We are following recommendations and guidance from Marion County Health, the Oregon Health Authority, and DHS.

In addition to isolating one cottage for all Covid-positive residents, with dedicated staff, we have been doing and will continue to do the following:

- 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 protective eyewear and N95 masks.

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. We are currently hiring.

Going Forward:

This experience of navigating and combatting this virus has been exhausting both physically and emotionally for our family members, our staff, and the local community. It has required an incredible display of strength and effort by our team members. The support and encouragement our residents and staff have received from our families, health providers, and local health authorities has been essential in allowing our team to tackle this virus.

We will need continued support as we adhere to strict guidelines regarding visitation and continued virus prevention.

For Updates:

We are focusing on the wellness of our residents and staff and are not currently doing press 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>