

Please note, this notification applies only to the Nursing Home facilities in Vinton and Davenport at this time.

Lutheran Home Family & Friends,

Early this week Federal Regulations published by CMS went into effect mandating long term care facilities to routinely perform COVID-19 testing. At minimum, testing will be conducted monthly, but may be completed as often as twice weekly based on the county COVID-19 positivity rate. Currently, both Vinton and Davenport nursing facilities must test their employees on a weekly basis.

The government has provided our facilities with testing machines and a limited number of supplies to enable on-site testing. While the basis of the new regulation and testing machines is appreciated, there exists some concern regarding the accuracy of the test results. Provisions have been made for additional testing when indicated. Test results, and any impact on our ability to provide Outdoor Visits related to the test results will be shared with you.

The health and safety of our residents will continue to be our central focus as we navigate the current pandemic. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for putting your trust in us and for your unwavering support of our Lutheran Home staff. We are incredibly grateful for the resiliency shown by our residents, tenants, families and staff during this trying time.

God bless,