## Methodist Specialty Care Center COVID-19 REPORT #43

## At a Glance: No new cases among staff or residents. See Additional Information below.

Last Updated	September 18, 2020
Confirmed or Suspected Cases Among Residents	
Confirmed or suspected cases among residents	0
Confirmed or suspected cases among residents since last report	0
Total number of confirmed or suspected cases among residents	0*
Confirmed or Suspected Cases Among Staff	
Confirmed or suspected cases among staff	0
Confirmed or suspected cases among staff since last report	0
Total number of confirmed or suspected cases among staff	1*
Deaths among Residents or Staff	
Deaths related to COVID-19 among residents	0
Deaths related to COVID-19 among staff	0
Total deaths related to COVID-19 at MSCC	0
Reporting 3 or More Within The Last 72-hours	
Residents with new-onset of respiratory illness with-in last 72-hours	0
Staff with new-onset of respiratory illness with-in last 72-hours	0
Total residents and staff with new-onset of respiratory illness	0

## **Additional Information**

Important News – Today we have received new guidance from CMS regarding visitation. CMS has eliminated the phased reopening process in favor of a program based upon the county positivity rate and the facility's number of COVID cases. The regulations are long and complicated but the good news is if MSCC does not have any more positive cases within the next 14-days and Rankin County's positivity rate stays below 10% we will be allowed to provide limited in-person, in room visitation. A full explanation of the program will be mailed to each family in the next 7-10 days as we iron out the details and formulate new visitation policies. Our second round of weekly testing of staff will begin this coming Sunday – Tuesday. One staff member that was previously positive for the virus has recovered and has rejoined our team. This leaves just one staff member that tested positive earlier this week who is at home on 14-day quarantine (still with no symptoms). We are very excited about the possibility of reopening visitation but please remember this is based upon the number of positive cases in the community. PLEASE keep doing your part by wearing a mask in public, frequently washing your hands, and practicing social distancing.

New updates will be posted by 5 p.m. each Friday unless there is an outbreak. MSCC continues to follow all CDC, CMS and State Health Department guidelines and regulations. Our number one concern is for health and safety of all of our residents and staff members.

• If you have questions about what we are doing to prevent the spread of the virus or about the care of your loved one, please do not hesitate to call the facility (601-420-7760).

<sup>\*</sup>To avoid confusion, we are now only reporting those staff members or residents who are <u>CURRENTLY</u> positive for the virus. Numbers may change on a daily basis as staff or residents are no longer considered positive for the virus or there is changes in categories.