



January 6, 2022

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends:

We want to inform you that at Casa de Modesto, we have identified 8 confirmed breakthrough cases of COVID-19 among staff, all of whom are fully vaccinated.

The safety of our residents and staff is our top priority. To reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, we continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

We are staying in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps under the current circumstances, including:

- Dining Room closed to independent residents and meals will be delivered to rooms for Casitas Assisted Living, Connections Memory Care and the DelMar Care Center.
- Access to the Main Building (Gift Shop, Beauty Salon, Living Room Library, Administrative areas) is still allowed with screening, facemasks and social distancing.
- Visitation: We are requesting visitation is done through video or phone calls. If necessary, personal visitation is limited to one person per resident with required screening, wearing of facemasks at all times in the facility, social distancing and frequent handwashing.
- Group activities will be suspended until further notice.
- Enhanced infection control precautions, such as wearing of surgical facemasks, the availability of hand sanitizer, and more frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.
- Required screening residents and staff for COVID-19 symptoms, as well as anyone who must enter our facility including third-party vendors.
- Testing staff weekly (bi-weekly if they do not have the COVID booster due to the timing of their vaccination schedule) for the virus causing COVID-19 based on current protocols and availability of tests.

We encourage you to review the CDC website for information about COVID-19, including its symptoms and variants, how it spreads, and actions you can take to protect your health:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>



All of us at Casa de Modesto understand that this is a serious situation and might be frustrating, even frightening. Additional information about coping with stress can be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/stress-coping/cope-with-stress/index.html>.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates about the situation and will promptly notify you if we identify any additional residents or staff with confirmed COVID-19. We encourage you to contact us with questions and concerns. Please call us at 209-529-4950 or visit our website (www.casademodesto.org) for updates.

The safety of our residents and staff is our top priority.

Sincerely,

Dave Curtiss, Interim Executive Director