



## COVID-19 Update

October 16, 2020

Almost all Independent Living and Assisted Living residents at Spring Lake Village and Friends House have returned home after the Glass Fire evacuation. Each resident is getting a test that allows for rapid results when they return to campus: an Abbott BinaxNOW test at Spring Lake Village, or a point-of-care (POC) antigen test at Friends House. These tests, though not perfect, allow the community to get quick results that indicate whether a person is likely to have an active case of COVID-19. So far, only one result has been suspicious and a second test was ordered. Thank you to everyone at Spring Lake Village and Friends House for continuing to follow safety guidelines during the evacuation as well as upon your return, and for complying with testing procedures that support the safety of the whole community.

Although the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supply chain has not been headline news recently, we continue to work behind the scenes to ensure that all of our communities have the supplies they need. This week, we received a shipment of 100,000 disposable gloves, acquired after significant efforts. We are pleased to report that we are well-stocked on necessary PPE and will continue to make sure we have equipment available whenever it is needed.

If you have not done so, we strongly encourage you to get your flu shot in anticipation for the upcoming flu season. Please check with your community to see when they are hosting a flu shot clinic. If you aren't able to participate in one of the flu shot events at your community, please contact your health care provider to schedule a flu shot or get a shot at your local pharmacy, grocery store, or other location. You can find a provider near you at [vaccinefinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org).

The last day to register to vote in California is Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Grant Edelstone, our Senior Director of Risk Management, offers guidance on voting safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and information on how staff can provide support to residents at all levels of care, giving them the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. You can watch a 7-minute interview with Grant at <https://youtu.be/rJJ5Tn7JC9w> or read our blog post at <https://covia.org/blog/voting-safely-during-covid-19/>. For more information on how to vote in California, please go to <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california>.

As always, if you would like to contact the COVID-19 Task Force with your questions or comments, you can reach us at [C19info@covia.org](mailto:C19info@covia.org). We wish you a safe and healthy weekend.