

Fairseat Foundation



Fairseat News – 22nd March 2021

This is intended to be an update on where we are. Things do seem to be changing fast and I will simply try to report more often in necessary.

On Saturday, we had 12 residents and 19 staff and also the driver for Mike & Rosemary all tested – so a total of 32 people which was all the test kits they came with. The residents' numbers included Michael & Rosemary who were being retested after their positive test result received on Thursday.

In short,

- Mike & Rosemary returned negative tests – this was not to be unexpected given the time frames and the fact that they had undergone 2 days of treatment. It certainly does not suggest that the original test was wrong.
- Joe & Gaye returned positive tests. They appear to be completely asymptomatic. They asked to be retested today which we have done.
- One of our night carers, Grace, has tested positive. Grace is part of a team that look after all residents from 4.30pm until 7.30am. Grace would appear to be asymptomatic and she has now been sent home until she has a negative covid-test.
- One of our carers, Lilian, who normally looks after Maureen Moller also tested positive. She had taken time off recently as she was not feeling well but returned to Fairseat on Wednesday when she heard her resident, Maureen, had died. She has been sent home and we have arranged an appointment for her to be seen by Dr Mwangi at the Convergent Medical Centre to advise the best way forward.
- All other staff and residents were negative so far although we have only had results from about a quarter of our total Fairseat family. We tested a further 54 people today and we should get these results tomorrow (Tuesday) evening.
- Residents who are positive will be treated according to their individual circumstances. Staff who are positive will be directed to the Convergent Medical Centre in Hurlingham to consult with Dr Consolata Mwangi. She has significant experience with Covid cases and has agreed to see any of our staff who are positive.

Today, we have tested 51 new staff and residents including those identified as close contacts of Grace and Lilian. Maureen's daughter, Annie and son, Mike have also been tested and the cost applied to Maureen's account.

If all goes well, we expect to finalise our testing program tomorrow and by Thursday we should have a clearer picture of the true situation. There are a small number of staff on annual leave and up-country who will not be able to get tested and we will simply deal with them on an individual basis as they are due to return to work.

Lucy spent the afternoon at AKUH trying to arrange for vaccination of our staff. Having received quite positive feedback at a senior level, when it came to action things seem to evaporate considerably. By the end we received a promise that they will vaccinate our qualified nurses first and then the rest in small groups over time. They were not interested in discussing a vaccination program for our residents at this stage. I am reliably informed that Nanyuki Cottage Hospital has vaccinated the residents of the Frail Care Home based next door. We will explore the options with other local hospitals that have been approved by the Government to administer vaccines.

In the mean time we will continue to enforce the Emergency Covid Plan as laid out previously. Our residents have responded very positively to situation.