



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION
8517 E Trent Ave, Ste 102, Spokane Valley, WA 99212

11/04/2024

PSL Associates, LLC
North Point Village, Assisted Living & Memory Care
1110 E Westview Ct
Spokane, WA 99218

RE: North Point Village, Assisted Living & Memory Care # 2479

Dear Administrator:

This letter addresses deficiencies occurring in the report(s) for: Compliance Determination(s) 49785 (Completion Date 11/04/2024) and 47306 (Completion Date 09/13/2024).

The Department completed a follow-up inspection of your Assisted Living Facility on 11/04/2024 and found no deficiencies.

The Department found that deficiencies for the following licensing laws and regulations were corrected:

WAC 388-78A-2610 Infection control.

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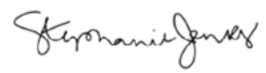
The Department staff who did the On Site verification:

Brian Zbylski, ALF Licenser
Veronica Jackson, Assisted Living Facility Licenser

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509)993-7821.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephanie Jenks".

Stephanie Jenks, Field Manager
Region 1, Unit B
Residential Care Services



Residential Care Services Investigation Summary Report

Provider/Facility: North Point Village, Assisted **Provider Type:** Assisted Living Facility
Living & Memory Care

License/Cert.#: 2479

Intake ID: 145558

Compliance Determination #: 47306

Region/Unit #: RCS Region 1 / Unit B

Investigator: Sylvia Chauvin

Investigation Date(s): 09/04/2024 through 09/13/2024

Complainant Contact Date(s):

Allegation(s):

1 - Staff that tested positive for Covid 19 and were symptomatic were forced to work

Investigation Methods:

Sample:

Total residents: 99
Resident sample size: 4
Closed records sample size: 0

Observations:

Any residents and staff with symptoms of illness
Facility's infection control practices e.g. hand-washing, prevention of cross-contamination/spread of infection

Interviews:

Seven caregivers
Two Medication Aides
Memory Care Director
Activities Coordinator
Health and Wellness Director
Administrator

Record Reviews:

Staffing schedules - July and August 2024
Facility's Infection Control policies and procedures

Investigation Summary:

1 - During unannounced visits to the facility, residents and staff were observed without symptoms of illness. In interviews with line staff, such as caregivers, medication aides, and activities staff, they stated during the months of July and August 2024, staff felt pressure to work when they had symptoms of respiratory illness (e.g. coughing, sneezing, runny nose) because the facility was inadequately staffed. Six staff were observed not washing their hands after providing care to residents or handling soiled items. Failed facility practices were found and documented in a Statement of Deficiencies under Washington Administrative Code 388-78a-2610(1)(2)(a)(d)(e) Infection Control.

Conclusion / Action:

- ☒ Failed Provider Practice Identified / Citation(s) Written
- ☐ Failed Provider Practice Not Identified / No Citation Written
- ☐ N/A

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Sylvia Chauvin, Complaint Investigator

From:
DSHS, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
Residential Care Services, Region 1, Unit B
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As a result of the on-site visit(s), the department found that you are not in compliance with the licensing laws and regulations as stated in the cited deficiencies in the enclosed report.

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This requirement was not met as evidenced by:

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Findings included...**Lack of hand hygiene**

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Observation on 09/13/2024 at 11:50 AM, showed Staff K, Caregiver, assisted Resident 3 to put on shoes. Further observation showed Staff K did not wash their hands after assisting Resident 3 and proceeded to assist residents with lunch in the dining room.

Observation on 09/13/2024 at 2:00 PM, showed Staff O, Caregiver, and Staff F, Caregiver, assisted Resident 4 with a transfer from bed to their wheelchair using a Hoyer lift. Observation showed that Staff O and F did wear gloves. Observation showed that Staff F checked the resident's brief to see if it needed to be changed, checked under the gauze on the resident's legs without gloves, then applied boots to the resident's feet. Further observation showed that Staff O and Staff F did not wash their hands after they assisted the resident.

In an interview on 09/13/2024 at 2:50 PM, Staff B, Health and Wellness Director, stated staff should wash their hands after providing any care to residents, taking residents to the bathroom, and handling soiled items.

Staff reporting to work while ill

Review of the facility's July 2024 staff schedule showed Staff C, Medication Aide, worked on 07/30/2024, and 07/31/2024.

Review of the facility's August 2024 staff schedule showed Staff C worked on 08/01/2024.

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Review of the facility's July 2024 staff schedule showed Staff E, worked on 07/29/2024, 07/30/2024, and 07/31/2024.

Review of the facility's August 2024 staff schedule showed Staff E worked on 08/01/2024 and 08/02/2024.

Review of the facility's July 2024 staff schedule showed Staff G worked on 07/29/2024, 07/30/2024, and 07/31/2024.

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In an interview on 08/30/2024 at 10:54 AM, Staff H, Memory Care Director, stated Staff C recently tested positive for Covid 19 on 07/28/2024, called in ill on 07/29/2024, and returned to work the following day 07/30/2024. Staff H stated when Staff C reported to work on Tuesday, Staff C complained about feeling ill, but was concerned there was no one to cover their shift. Staff H further stated they spoke to Staff A, Administrator, regarding Staff C's illness and Staff A told them Staff C could work because the facility was experiencing "critical staffing" status. Staff H was concerned about Staff C working while ill because Staff C provided care to residents in all three cottages which

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potentially resulted in the spread of infection.

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In an interview on 09/05/2024 at 2:30 PM, Staff D stated they had an ongoing cough and fatigue related to pneumonia (a lung infection), during the months of July 2024 and August 2024. Staff D stated Staff B and Staff J advised them to report for work several times during this period, even though they felt ill with symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, runny nose, congestion, and body aches. Staff D further stated Staff B and Staff J advised staff during this period that they could report to work while positive for Covid 19/symptomatic when 50 percent or more of the residents were also ill.

In an interview on 09/13/2024 at 11:15 AM, Staff E stated they tested positive for Covid 19 around the end of July 2024 and beginning of August 2024 and reported for work. Staff E stated Staff A and Staff B informed staff they could work while ill because all the residents in Cottage C were positive for Covid 19, so staff couldn't make the residents ill. Regarding the facility's written policy regarding staff reporting to work when they were ill, Staff C couldn't recall the specifics.

In an interview on 09/13/2024 at 11:50 AM, Staff K stated they worked when they tested positive for Covid 19 in late July 2024 and early August 2024. Staff K stated all the residents in Cottage A were ill with Covid 19 and Staff B and Staff J told staff they could report to work while ill because all the residents were also ill.

In an interview on 09/13/2024 at 12:26 PM, Staff L, Medication Aide, stated only one resident in Cottage B was ill during the period of late July 2024 and early August 2024 when many staff that worked in all three cottages were ill with Covid 19. Staff L stated they did not get Covid 19 but was concerned that ill staff helped with care of residents in each cottage, which could result in the spread of infection. Staff L stated the discretion about whether to report for work or not while ill was left up to staff.

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In an interview on 09/13/2024 at 2:00 PM, Staff N, Activities Coordinator, stated they observed several staff reporting to work and working in the different cottages while having symptoms of Covid 19 because the facility did not have enough staff. Staff N further stated they were concerned this practice placed residents who were well, at risk of becoming ill.

In an interview on 09/13/2024 at 2:50 PM, Staff A stated if staff were in the facility and tested positive for Covid 19, they were sent home. Staff A stated that when the facility experienced a staffing shortage, staff were allowed to report to work if they were free of infection symptoms.

In an interview on 09/13/2024 at 2:50 PM, Staff B stated the Local Health Jurisdiction provided the facility with guidance about staff reporting to work during Covid 19 outbreaks in the facility. Staff B stated that staff that tested positive for Covid 19 should stay home for a minimum of five days and if they did not have a fever or their symptoms improved, they could return to work in 48 hours, and wear a mask and eye protection while providing care to residents. Staff B stated staff were expected to go home if they had a fever and come into the facility on days one, three, five, and seven to test for Covid 19. Staff B stated staff were not expected to report to work when they had infection symptoms.

Review of the facility's policy titled, "Infection Control," dated July 2020, showed the Administrator and/or Administrator Designee should monitor staff showing symptoms of infection and arrange appropriate coverage for residents' and staffs' safety. Further review of the policy showed no guidance that staff who were ill could return to work if over 50 percent of the residents were ill.

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I hereby certify that I have reviewed this report and have taken or will take active measures to correct this deficiency. By taking this action, North Point Village, Assisted Living & Memory Care is or will be in compliance with this law and / or regulation on (Date) 10/28/24.

In addition, I will implement a system to monitor and ensure continued compliance with this requirement.


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