

## MEMORANDUM

Date: June 26, 2020  
To: TLRC Residents, Employees, Family Members and Board Members  
From: R Kevin McFeely, President & CEO  
Re: COVID Case Count Discrepancy

I am aware that a number of you have seen reports from the Pierce County Department of Health which contradicts information previously sent to you from me. Pierce County Department of Health has placed TLRC on a list of communities reporting 10 or more cases of COVID-19. Unfortunately, the way this information is being recorded is misleading at best, inaccurate at worst.

The Pierce County Department of Health is essentially double counting cases. For example, if a person is employed by more than one nursing home and tests positive for COVID-19, they are counted at every facility they are on record for being an employee of, regardless of whether or not they have physically worked at the facility after testing positive. No other county in Washington State is counting COVID-19 cases this way. Additionally, Pierce County is the only county listing individual facilities with 10 or more positive cases by name and once a facility is placed on that list, their name is not taken off the list, regardless of current number of positive COVID-19 cases in the facility. Again, misleading and inaccurate.

We have shared our concern about how this information is being reported and the potential for causing unnecessary and undeserved anxiety and confusion with the person in charge of this reporting, Nigel Turner. His phone number is 253.798.6057. I encourage you to call him, share your concern and ask that this information be reported in a more accurate manner.

I would like to clarify that TLRC has **not** reported 10 positive cases. There are two agency nursing assistants who worked at both TLRC and a different nursing home which did report COVID-19 cases back in March, the beginning of the pandemic. We found out the other nursing home had reported positive COVID-19 cases and asked these two nursing assistants to be tested. They have **not** worked at TLRC since. Therefore, TLRC is inaccurately being charged with two additional cases that do not belong here. None of our residents who had symptoms during that time frame tested positive. You may recall that we adopted the use of PPE (masks, gowns, gloves, etc.) long before it was mandated by the government and CDC.

I am truly sorry for the grief and anxiety this may have caused you. Please know we are doing all we can to have our name removed from this misleading and inaccurate list. We are in contact with a local reporter who is investigating this issue.

Thank you in advance for reaching out to Nigel to share your concern about the way information is being shared. I am extremely appreciative. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.