



## WEEKLY UPDATE

7/23/2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 0 residents and 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. It has been 24 days since the last positive test and we continue to check staff and residents daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. We are also happy to announce that we were recently approved for a grant that will allow us to purchase more iPads for the facility. This will be a great resource for the residents and will help them stay connected with their loved ones. As a reminder, we recently had a change in policy regarding the acceptance of items from outside the facility and at this time are asking the following:

If you are bringing items from the community, please only bring items that can be easily wiped down. Clothing must be laundered by the facility staff, so any new items you bring must be labeled and washed by facility staff prior to taking it to the resident's room. Because of this, we ask that when bringing items by the facility, please make your best effort to drop those items off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Along with this, we ask that items be brought to the front lobby where someone will collect the items from you and then ensure that the proper process is followed.

As you might already know, the federal government announced last week that it is going to send point-of-care testing supplies for COVID-19 to all skilled nursing facilities in the country. We hope this means better access to testing and faster results for our staff and residents, but we will keep you posted as we get more information and details on this development. As always, we are working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 254-981-7900.

Sincerely,

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