



## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

June 19, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

We want to take this opportunity to let you know that as of today, there have been no additional confirmed cases of COVID-19. As a brief recap, since the onset of this pandemic we have had a total of 10 residents and 5 staff that tested positive for COVID-19. Everyone has recovered and our facility is COVID-free. The 5 staff members have all returned back to work.

We want to continue to assure you that our staff is working tirelessly to keep everyone in our community safe. We are in constant communication with our federal, state and local health officials, including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and are following all of their recommendations, such as:

- Only essential personnel are permitted inside the facility and they are screened for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering.
- Residents are continually monitored.
- Housekeeping is performing regular deep cleanings of the facility.
- Staff receives education and wears personal protective equipment (PPE) as recommended by the CDC.
- Group activities have been suspended and staff is providing individual activities for residents.
- We are implementing isolation protocols as required.
- We encourage staff 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.

As a reminder, we will notify you through our website of newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 as well as when three (3) or more residents and/or staff present with new onset respiratory symptoms that occur within seventy-two (72) hours. We will also update you with any new steps we are taking to prevent and reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Supporting love ones during this time is vitally important. Here are a few ideas on how to keep in touch and way we are supporting communication between our residents and families.

- Face time
- Cards and letters
- Recorded videos messages
- Visits through a glass window or a parade of cars
- Visuals to express care (ex. Ribbons around trees or outdoor posters and banners)

Thank you to all of our friends and family members that have provided snacks and drinks to our staff throughout this pandemic period. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Again, please check our website for more updates and information. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 240-448-2000.

Sincerely,

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