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Hello Everyone,



The good news is that this is not an official CMS email alert. I just wanted to let you know that there is nothing new going on in regards to residents or staff since I last updated you. We had everyone tested yesterday and hope to have the results back by the end of the week; although they were not that timely last week in getting back to us.

As of today the 2nd and 4th floor remains COVID free. We continue to experience COVID on the 3rd floor and 2nd floor annex. We currently have 16 staff out that have tested positive; and several staff out on FMLA. I never want to make excuses but as you may know and hope for, resident care must come first. We are working with limited staff and being able to keep up with all the phone calls and video chats have been a challenge. Especially on the memory care unit staff is limited; other staff cannot assist on this unit as it is under quarantine. This too will soon pass as long as we do not get any additional positive test results.

We have reached a point where residents from the **4th floor** are allowed to come off the floor. Life Enrichment services will begin by asking residents if they would like to go for a ride/walk to the lobby and outside. They are also going to start up **window visits** again. Please call or email Barbara to set one up. We still cannot do group activities.

At this time we cannot offer the same to the **2nd floor** residents as we need 14-days from the last positive test; keep your fingers crossed and say a prayer that no additional positive tests come back this week. However, Life Enrichment services is now able to go up to the floor more regularly and will be doing more Google Duo visits in addition to getting the residents that wish, up and going for a ride/walk around the floor. They too cannot do any group activities at this time. Please call or email Barbara to set up a Google Duo visit.

Some of you may have heard that the state is starting to talk about allowing visitors back into nursing homes. The only visits being allowed at this time is if a resident is actively passing. I will be sure to let you know as soon as it changes; all of us (residents and staff) want you back!

We continue to be on several weekly conference calls with continue guidance coming from the CDC and CMS. Most of the recent calls have been about the nursing home testing process.

Thank you for all of your kind words, they have been appreciated. Also, a big thank you to the families that have sent in food for the staff on the various floors; they have appreciated and enjoyed it. It means a lot to them to know that you are thinking of them.

Please be safe, wear your mask and wash your hands,

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