

June 12, 2020

Hello,



As you all know this past Monday all staff and all residents were tested by the state. This email is to inform you that we were notified late yesterday that 1 staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. We are currently awaiting 69 more results which include residents and staff.

As of this writing all residents seem to be doing ok/well. This is very positive and we remain hopeful that the rest of the results come back negative. On Monday we will be testing all staff and all negative residents.

I mentioned this in my email on Tuesday but wanted to mention it again. Although businesses are opening up over the next several weeks, nursing facilities are still mandated to remain closed to visitors and families. On a conference call on Wednesday, the DHHS Commissioner mentioned that there is a committee set up to develop guidelines for outside visits by families by appointment. We are anxiously waiting to have that occur however, it is still in the planning phases and I will update you as soon as I have more information from the State.

The following processes will remain in place:

- All staff are wearing gowns, gloves, surgical mask, N95, or KN95 mask, face shield, and gloves for protection of the residents and the spread of COVID on all floors.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor remains closed as well as the COVID unit.
- All residents on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will remain on their floor.
- The positive residents on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor have been relocated to our dedicated 9-bed unit.
- Only staff working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and the COVID unit will be allowed; no crossover to other floors.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and the COVID unit have been assigned one elevator and one set of stairs to use separate from all other floors.
- All residents are being encouraged to stay apart and in their rooms; those with fevers are quarantined to their rooms.
- Residents on the COVID unit are quarantined in their room.
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor we are doing our best to practice social distancing but as you can imagine this is a bit difficult on this particular floor for a handful of the residents.
- Both dietary and environmental services have revised their procedures to better accommodate the restrictions put on all floors. They too are wearing appropriate PPE.
- 4<sup>th</sup> floor residents are being kept on their respective floor and being encouraged to stay in their room. They continue to use masks as necessary/needed. We have reached a point where residents from the **4<sup>th</sup> floor** are allowed to come off the floor. Life Enrichment services has begun taking residents for a ride/walk to the lobby, healing

garden and around the perimeter of the building. They have also started 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> floor** residents as we need 14-days from the last positive test. 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.
- All staff continues to be screened before entering the facility.

This notice to you is the requirement of CMS that I mentioned to you in my email on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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