



WEEKLY UPDATE

October 16, 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 61 residents and 24 staff members test positive for COVID-19. We are continuing to do surveillance COVID testing of our staff and all newly admitted residents per CMS guidance.

As you know, we have been preparing to safely allow visitors at our facility and we are so excited to for you to see your loved ones. As we previously reported, there are many factors that determine when a facility can open up for visitors, up to and including our county's COVID-19 positivity rate, residents' health status, or if there is a COVID outbreak in the facility.

Our facility is currently allowing limited outdoor visitation. Our times are on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9:30am-11:30am, to allow residents and staff time for lunch. The visitation starts again at 1p-2:30p and our last visitation time is at 5:30p. Each resident can have 2 visitors per 15-minute visits, and up to 2 visits per week.

If you would like to schedule a visit with your loved one, please call the facility between the hours of 9a-7p, and schedule your time with the receptionist. We are working on our plan to accommodate and support indoor visitation. We will let you know as soon as those plans are in place.

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 843-821-5005.

Sincerely,

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