

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

October 2, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as an update to inform you about the status of COVID in our facility and what we are doing to keep our residents and staff safe during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

We continue to test our Staff weekly for COVIOD -19. ALL Staff tested NEGATIVE last week. Our total numbers are 26 residents and 6 staff members that have tested positive for COVID-19 over the course of the Pandemic. We are COVID -19 FREE at this time!

We continue to implement and practice enhanced safety precautions recommended by our federal, state and local health officials. We continue to permit only essential personnel inside the facility. Prince George's County remains in Phase 2 at this time. We perform routine screenings for Staff and any Essential Vendor for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering the building. We continue to monitor our residents and we are using PPE as recommended by the CDC.

We recognize during this time that families need to stay in touch with their loved ones and we are working with the Prince George's County Health Department and the Maryland Department of Health on a Re-opening plan to Visitations. We have submitted an Outside and Indoor Visitation plan to Prince George's County Health Department. Upon approval from them and the Office of Health Care Quality of the State of Maryland we will institute our plan. Until we procure this approval we will conduct OUTSIDE Visitation only. Please check our website for more specific information regarding visitations.

Based on additional guidance we have received we will NO LONGER accept food brought in by FAMILIES or OUTSIDE VENDORS. I recognize this is a change but it is necessary for the safety of our Residents. The Kitchen will be stocking some snacks and convenience food items to offset this change.

As a reminder, we will continue to post updates on our facility website and we will individually notify representatives/families regarding a resident's condition if he/she tests positive for COVID-19 or is displaying symptoms of COVID-19. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly 301-459-4700.

Sincerely,

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