



## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**November 13, 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 COVID -19. ALL Staff tested NEGATIVE last week. However last week we were informed one staff tested Positive outside the center. This brings our total numbers to 26 residents and 8 staff members that have tested positive for COVID-19 over the course of the Pandemic. Since we had an Employee test Positive last week, we now have to test ALL residents for COVID again this week to complete 2 weeks of testing. Also, we have identified three residents with new onset respiratory symptoms within the past three days. All of the residents were administered rapid tests and the results came back negative. We will continue to closely monitor these residents' symptoms and will notify you of any new confirmed cases.

At this time Visitations are NOT able to be held until the 2 week's testing of Residents have been completed with NEGATIVE results and we are cleared by Prince George's County Health Department. We will notify you of that matter after test results are received and Prince George's County Health Department has been notified and clearance to have Visitations is obtained.

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. We will continue to offer Facetime visits with your loved ones. Please contact Marie Lacroix at 301-459-4700 ext 136 to schedule these Facetime visits.

Based on additional guidance we have received we will NO LONGER accept food, beverages or outside items such as Flowers, etc., brought in by FAMILIES. However we ARE able to accept Food, Beverages and Flowers, etc. from OUTSIDE VENDORS. We are also able to have Residents order food from OUTSIDE VENDORS within specified hours. If Family members are ordering items for Residents please contact the Receptionist to let them know of the anticipated delivery time. This 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,

*Barry Grofic, Administrator*