



## **WEEKLY UPDATE AND NOTIFICATION OF NEW CASES**

**December 11, 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. 1 Staff tested Positive last week outside the facility. This brings our total numbers to 27 residents and 10 staff members that have tested positive for COVID-19 over the course of the Pandemic. As part of the Governor's mandate we are testing ALL staff twice a week and ALL residents once a week. We will conduct this testing until further notice. As per the Governor's mandate Visitations are NOT able to be held. We will notify you of any change in that matter.

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. 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 are preparing for the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. We will be contacting you regarding the necessary signed consent before the vaccine is given. We are working with Walgreen's Pharmacy as the distributor of the vaccine. Given the risks to our Nursing Home Resident's it is HIGHLY advised that ALL Resident be given the vaccine. More information on the vaccine itself and the distribution of it will be forthcoming via regular mail and on our website.

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 either FAMILIES or OUTSIDE VENDORS. This is necessary for the safety of our Residents. The Kitchen is 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*