

## **NOTIFICATION OF NEW CASES**

August 20, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Since our weekly update letter yesterday, we received notification that two employees tested positive for COVID-19. These cases were identified during our Weekly testing of Staff which brings our total numbers to 26 residents and 6 staff members that have tested positive for COVID-19 over the course of the Pandemic. We have made arrangements to test ALL Residents and that will take place on August 21, 2020. Residents will be tested weekly for this week and next week. There are NO Resident COVID -19 cases 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. We perform regular screenings for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering the building.

We recognize during this time that families need to stay in touch with their loved ones, therefore we have implemented face time calls with families and residents to keep in touch virtually. We continue to monitor residents. We are using PPE as recommended by the CDC.

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,

Barry Grofic

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