



## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**September 18, 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. 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 are working with the Prince George's County Health Department and the Maryland Department of Health on a Re-opening plan to Visitations. As Prince George's County remains in Phase 2, this plan will be for OUTSIDE Visitation only. We need to submit a plan to both agencies. Once approved we will inform you of the Visitation plan.

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,

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