



WEEKLY UPDATE
February 19, 2021

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 were tested twice last week and ALL Staff members were NEGATIVE! ALL Residents were tested last week and ALL were NEGATIVE! This brings our total numbers to 28 residents and 14 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, we are looking to institute Visitations beginning March 1, 2021. Visitations will be structured and supervised to maintain Infection Control and for the Safety of our Residents. Please contact Marie Lacroix at 301-459-4700 to schedule the Visitation. Visitations will be for 20 minutes. We are asking that anyone wishing to visit will have a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the visitation. Please provide a written copy of the NEGATIVE result upon entry. There will be a Maximum of 2 Visitors at one time. Please adhere to the visitation schedule and arrive on time as any lateness will reduce the time of the visitation.

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.

Our COVID vaccination clinics through Walgreen's have ended. As of the Final Clinic we have 87% of our Residents who have been vaccinated. We also have 93 % of our staff vaccinated! These are some of the HIGHEST numbers in the Metropolitan Washington area.

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