



## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**April 23, 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 last week and ALL Staff members 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 once a week.

As per the Governor's mandate, we began Visitations began March 1, 2021. Visitations will be supervised to maintain Infection Control and for the Safety of our Residents. Please contact Daverly Cole at 301-459-4700 to schedule the Visitation. Visitations will be for 20 minutes. We are asking that anyone wishing to visit have a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the visitation; however, this is not a requirement. There is a Maximum of 2 VISITORS at one time. Please adhere to the schedule and arrive on time as any lateness will reduce the time of the visitation. We will continue to follow guidance on Visitations and will look to increase them based on that guidance.

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.

Based on additional guidance we have received we will begin to accept food, beverages or outside items such as Flowers, etc., brought in OUTSIDE VENDORS. The Kitchen continues to stock some snacks and convenience food items for our Residents.

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*