



WEEKLY UPDATE

May 29, 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.

As we have reported to you through our website this week, we have received confirmation of one additional case of COVID-19 in our facility, which brings our total numbers to 26 residents and 4 staff members that have tested positive for COVID-19. The Maryland National Guard has provided us with test kits. On Thursday, May 21st we tested all residents. 61 were NEGATIVE and only 3 were Positive! On Friday, May 22nd we tested 95 staff members. ALL staff members tested NEGATIVE! The residents who previously tested positive have now resolved and have been transferred from isolation to our step-down unit for 14 more days of observation. Our Environmental Service staff continue to wipe surface contact areas 3 times a day. We thank the Maryland National Guard for providing the test kits for our residents and staff!

We are committed to seeing the number of positive cases in our facility decline. We will continue to implement and practice enhanced safety precautions recommended by our federal, state and local health officials. We are only allowing essential personnel inside the facility to 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. Increased room bound activities included: Ice Cream and Cookies for Monthly Birthday celebrations, Music on a rolling stereo system, Hair Braiding Poetry and Devotional readings, Snack carts, and Drive by visits from families. Deep cleanings are done on a regular basis. We are using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Activities are provided on an individual basis as opposed to group activities, implementing isolation protocols as required and encouraging staff to practice social distancing. We are constantly reminding staff to use hand sanitizer and to wash their hands frequently when they are in the facility and in the community.

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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