

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**July 24, 2020**

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 0 residents and 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.

Over the weekend (July 18, 2020), we received confirmation that one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. While we were disappointed to receive these results since we have worked so hard to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in our facility, we know that we are dealing with an extremely contagious virus. Rather than be discouraged, we are going to focus our efforts on taking all necessary steps to protect our residents and staff from further spread of COVID-19. Residents and staff have been tested and we are awaiting results. Residents who were affected by the exposure are currently being isolated to minimize the risk of transmission of the virus.

As you might already know, the federal government announced last week that it is going to send point-of-care testing supplies for COVID-19 to all skilled nursing facilities in the country. We hope this means better access to testing and faster results for our staff and residents, but we will keep you posted as we get more information and details on this development. As always, we are working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 254-831-6200.

Sincerely,

Wendy Bell  
Administrator