



WEEKLY UPDATE
September 24, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. We are happy to report that, as of today, we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our facility.

As we know a rapid point-of-care diagnostic device was distributed to us by CMS that is certified to perform COVID-19 testing. On September 9, 2020, all employees were tested and all results were negative. Testing, along with infection prevention and control measures are critical tools to identify COVID-19 and stop transmission. We will be testing monthly.

We will continue to practice enhanced safety precautions, such as, screening for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering the building, all residents are continually monitored. Housekeeping is performing regular deep cleanings of the facility, staff receives education and wears personal protective equipment (PPE) as recommended by the CDC. We encourage staff 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.

Another topic, Governor Abbot, last week announced the reopening of Nursing Homes. At this time, we are taking steps to reopen for visitation and minimize the chance of further transmission of COVID-19. We understand how difficult it has been to not see and visit your loved ones. However, it is our responsibility to make sure your loved ones are as safe as possible and reopening our facility to visitors too soon could increase our residents' risk of exposure to COVID-19. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

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 (806) 675-2342.

Sincerely,

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Administrator