



WEEKLY UPDATE

December 11, 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 72 residents and 52 staff members test positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, we had one resident go to the hospital this week and test positive for COVID 19. This resident had COVID 19 earlier this year and according to medical staff, the positive test might be picking up on fragments from the previous illness. We immediately tested all residents and all those results were negative. All staff were tested on Tuesday and all were negative. Weekly testing of staff continues due to the county positivity rate being above 5%.

As you have probably heard, the CDC recently announced that healthcare workers and long-term care residents should be among the first group of people to receive the vaccine for COVID-19. We are optimistic this will help stop the spread of this virus in our community. Consents for the vaccines are currently available and while we do not have the exact dates that the vaccines will be administered, we will let you know as soon as that information is available. In the meantime, please continue to do your part in limiting the transmission of COVID-19 by wearing masks, washing your hands and keeping a safe distance from others.

We are also 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 (512) 334-8000.

Sincerely,

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Administrator