

May 21st, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

It is hard to believe that it has been over two months since COVID-19 so drastically changed our lives. We have all had to make big adjustments in an effort to keep everyone in our community safe, and we appreciate your support as we continue to take all necessary steps to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in our facility.

As we have been reporting to you through our website this past week, we continue to see additional cases of COVID-19 in our facility. As of today, we have tested 127 residents and 59 staff. Of those tested, 67 residents and 21 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. We have noted a significant decline in the past week in the number of new positive cases.

As you may already know, Governor Larry Hogan has ordered that all nursing home residents and staff be tested for the coronavirus in order to help identify those who may be carrying the disease without exhibiting any symptoms. Next week, we will be receiving assistance from the National Guard to test all employees and residents. Once the all of the testing has been completed, we expect to receive results within 2-3 days. We will continue to update you on individual testing results and any changes in your loved ones.

We are committed to seeing the number of positive cases go down and we will continue to implement and practice enhanced safety precautions recommended by our federal, state and local health officials, such as, only allowing essential personnel inside the facility, performing regular screenings for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering the building, continually monitoring residents, performing regular deep cleanings, using PPE as recommended by the CDC, providing individual activities as opposed to group activities, implementing isolation protocols as required, and reminding and encouraging 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.

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.

Again, please check our website for more updates and information. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly 301-662-8700.

Sincerely,

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Administrator