



**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as Northampton Manor's weekly update to keep you informed about the status of COVID in our facility and what our facility is doing to keep our residents and staff safe during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

We are happy to report we have not had any additional confirmed cases of COVID-19 since our last weekly update, in which 67 residents and 22 staff members had tested positive for COVID-19. 17 of our 22 positive staff members have also resolved and have been cleared by the health department to return to work.

Northampton completed our facility wide testing of all residents and all staff on 5/27 & 5/28. We have tested 103 residents, and 175 staff members. We hope to have results on these tests early next week and will update you as soon as possible on the results for your loved ones.

In addition to the previously implemented processes for increased deep cleanings of the facility, we have also obtained an Electrostatic Sprayer to be used for deep cleanings and high touch surfaces as an additional measure to enhance our sanitization practices.

Throughout this pandemic, we have strived to think of creative ways to enhance our resident's social lives and provide them with extracurricular activities while still keeping them safe and following the guidelines for restrictions on activities. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, our activities department was able to coordinate a visit from several horses from Unbridled Blessings and Rocky's Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation. The horses came to our facility and were able to visit with residents through their windows. Our residents and staff were so excited to participate in this wonderful opportunity.

We are still 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,  
*Mark Heim*

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Administrator