



## WEEKLY UPDATE

**September 16th, 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 we are doing to keep our residents and staff safe during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Since our last update, we received our weekly testing results from 9/8&9/9 and have identified 0 new staff cases of COVID-19. On 9/14 & 9/5, we tested 148 staff members for COVID-19. 110 results have been negative and 38 results are pending. We have also had 0 new resident cases of COVID-19.

As of today, September 16th, our cumulative totals for positive COVID-19 cases remain unchanged, with 76 residents and 31 staff members having tested positive for COVID-19.

We are very excited to announce that we have received approval from the health department to begin scheduling outdoor visits. Please see the attached letter for details related to the steps we are taking in order to maintain social distancing and keep our residents and their loved ones safe during visits. If you should have any questions, please reach out to our activities department, at 301-662-8700, extension 3126.

We continue to work diligently to make progress toward meeting the criteria necessary to safely enter phase one of relaxing COVID-19 restrictions in our nursing home. 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. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

We also continue to closely monitor staff travel in line with CDC and Maryland Department of Health guidelines to identify any staff member that may need increased monitoring, testing, or may to be excluded from work based upon their risk factors for exposure.

Please continue to check our website for updates. 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 301-662-8700.

Sincerely,

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Administrator