

WEEKLY UPDATE

4/16/2021

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 77 residents and 45 staff members test positive for COVID-19. Our residents are continually monitored for any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 every shift while adhering to all CDC guidelines throughout our facility.

We finished another week of staff testing with no new positive cases. However, Washington County's positivity rate via CMS climbed to 10.2% (information regarding the CMS county positivity rate can be found via the following link: <https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/q5r5-gjyu>). Due to our county positivity rate rising above the 10% threshold, we unfortunately have to pivot to outdoor visitation for next week's scheduled visits. The visits will remain on the same schedule as in previous weeks. If the temperature outside is below 60 degrees at the time of the visit, the visit will be a window visit with our resident staying inside the conference room in order to assure their comfort. Once the updated positivity rate is provided, we will be sure to update you via our weekly letter. We are still planning for our Saturday visits on April 24th to be indoor and that will be the case if our rate falls below 10%. If not, those will also be outdoors. We are not requiring a rapid COVID test for our outdoor visits so feel free to arrive 5 to 10 minutes early for these visits so that all visitors may be screened and the visits can remain on schedule. Once again, please contact our front desk to make an appointment for your scheduled visit or if you might have any general questions regarding the visitation process.

As always, we are 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 301-665-8700.

Sincerely,

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Administrator