

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

Steps in progress!

Dining Rooms and kitchenettes are open as of this week! We continue the social distancing in these areas, yet it has been nice to regain an additional step in “normalcy” as residents gather for their meals together. We are social beings – so this is great! (The dining areas continue to be for the residents and staff only at this time.

We have more upcoming dining changes coming in the next few months – primarily with enhancing the service in the dining rooms – and a completely new menu starting in early fall. Slow and steady enhancements!

The County positivity rate has jumped above 5%. That means that staff will go back to being tested once a week. This week’s testing (Tuesday) showed no positive cases for staff. We will continue to test and continue to be vigilant with precautions and continue to hope that all staff are negative.

Many more of our resident admissions are admitting having been fully vaccinated. That is wonderful as it avoids the need for a 14-day quarantine with new admissions. Visitor guidelines continue for us on campus.

**Current Visiting Hours – 9 AM to 7 PM Monday- Friday. 8 AM to 6 PM Saturday and Sunday.**

Please call if these times do not accommodate your family. We will make arrangements with you to ensure that you are screened and able to get in and out of the building.

For those residents and tenants who have not been vaccinated, or have only received one dose, our staff will assist with making arrangements to receive these. As the number of those vaccinated increases, we will be able to increase our factors of normalcy more and more.

This past week, I announced my retirement. After a great deal of thought, prayer and family discussion - and after 42 years of service in long term care, my husband and I decided that the time was appropriate to close this chapter and open the next. It has been an honor to work with a great group of staff and to serve the residents and families with all my heart and ability. I will be here through May 16<sup>th</sup>.

All our communications from this past year can be found on our website at [www.samaritancampus.com](http://www.samaritancampus.com) Updates are also available on our Campus Communications Hotline at 262-335-4599.

Stay healthy and we hope to see you soon!

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