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Dear Residents and Families,

This week we have continued with following through with increased safety measures as last week we received notice that one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. (That staff person is recovering well.) While we were hoping this wasn't the case, we were and are prepared.

This week we had **mandatory testing of all staff and residents** for COVID-19. We were notified early this AM relative to a portion of the testing. We will expect to get additional results back throughout the weekend. We do have two new cases. We are following both the Health Department as well as State protocols to work to ensure there is no spread among residents or staff.

When there is a positive case, the appropriate resident and/or family will be notified by either Samaritan staff; the Health Dept. staff or both.

If you do not get notified the results for you (or your family member) were negative.

We have an adequate supply of PPE and have been diligently making sure that all staff members are following our protocol with wearing masks in halls, public spaces, and resident rooms as well as additional appropriate PPE.

After consulting with the Director of Nursing and Infection Control Specialist we have decided to cancel patio visits until further notice. Patio visits were part of our "Phase Two" of reopening and in the event that a staff or resident we to contract COVID-19 we would then drop back down to "Phase One" which does not include patio visits. We will also be eliminating our bus outings for all residents along with and beautician visits until we feel it is safe for them to resume. While we know this is a little bump in the road we must do what is best for the vulnerable population to keep everyone safe.

We strongly encourage families to continue to sign up for video chats. Also, if you need a quick update of our facility you can call our campus communication hotline at 335-4599. If you have more specific questions related to your resident – please contact the floor nurse and or Nurse Manager.

Please stay safe; socially distance, and follow all recommended practices to help stop the spread. Thank you.

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