

February 26, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

It's beginning to feel a lot like spring time! Warmer weather not only lifts everyone's spirits but also allows us to assist our residents in getting some much needed fresh air and enjoying the birds chirping as spring approaches.

We continue to bring forth good news of no new cases within our facility in both staff and residents this week. Due to not being considered an "outbreak" facility and with the county's numbers on a steady decline we were able to drop to testing once a week for our staff and only testing residents when it is deemed necessary. This includes showing symptoms or being a new admission.

Our direct care staff have decided, for their peace of mind and for the best interest of our residents, that they will continue with the daily rapid COVID tests. These are the ones that give results within 15 minutes to let us know if someone is COVID positive. We thank them for putting the safety of our residents first.

Indoor visits continue to be a success with families getting to enjoy face-to-face time with their loved ones and hear each other's voices whom they may not have seen or heard from in quite some time.

If you would like to schedule one of these visits, please call our reception at 335-4500 during regular business hours. Available scheduled times are 10:30am and 3:30pm Monday-Friday and last for 30 minutes. **We ask that visitors arrive 15 minutes early so we can administer a COVID test prior to the visit.** We promise these tests are a piece of cake to take and are by no means painful or hard to do. You can even do them yourselves!

On Wednesday we had our 3rd and final COVID vaccine clinic. This clinic was used for staff and residents who needed to get their 2nd dose of their two-part vaccine. As the vaccine becomes more widely available we will be working with our pharmacy and other resources to ensure the availability to new residents and new staff.

We truly can't wait till we see you all in person again! A slow and steady start to reopen depends on continued vigilance from all of us!

Stay staff and healthy,

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