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Dear Residents and Families,

We are getting SO close!

In the midst of a big snow storm happening right now – seems like the perfect time to uplift indoor visits!!

We were hoping that we were going to be able to announce that we would be opening these up next week, however, we had one staff person test positive with our Tuesday testing. We received notification yesterday.

We are now focusing and hoping for mid-February for indoor visits. Our outdoor ones continue – for those brave souls willing to battle the elements to make it to the heated tents!

We did not have any positive cases in our residents across campus for yet another week!

The following Core Principles continue to be followed within our facility based on our CMS guidance in hopes of having indoor visits soon:

Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention

- Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions or observations about signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms
- Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose)
- Social distancing at least six feet between persons
- Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)
- Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit
- Appropriate staff use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Effective cohorting of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated COVID-19 care)
- Resident and staff testing conducted as required

To all of you, we sincerely hope you have a safe and healthy week. Please remember to wash your hands, socially distance, and enjoy time limited to your family. These interventions are helping across the County and State, as many of us have decreased in the weekly positivity rate.

Reminder that each communication is always posted on our website (www.samaritancampus.com) and phone updates are on our Campus Hotline 262-335-4599.

Thank you for your ongoing support and feedback.

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