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Dear Residents and Families,

As of the writing of this letter we have no positive cases of COVID-19 on Samaritan Campus. This applies to both residents and staff.

I know that that is one of the things that is often first and foremost in the minds of many of you so I am happy to start out with this (hopefully) each time!

Highlights this week are:

- The chiller is now working with four fully operable compressors. We appreciate the understanding of both residents and staff who lived and worked through a few warm days in the building while we fought through some of the challenges of reconnecting and restarting the chiller. The 52-year-old building does provide some challenges to work through.
- We have completed four car parades for all programs on campus. Thank you to all the families who decorated, honked horns, brought balloons, puppies, and kids – all to bring great smiles to the residents (and the staff!). Our hearts were warmed by the love that continues to be shared across this unprecedented time! We will be planning some more in the weeks to come.
- We continue to be extremely vigilant in all of our infection control procedures. When we have a new resident that comes to the Health Center we are using all of second floor for these new residents. Here we have a 14-day quarantine for new residents – and for anyone that is returning from the hospital. Once those 14 days are over the resident “graduates” and no longer is as limited to their room and necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- ***We continue to be fortunate and have an adequate supply of PPE. Staff and the County Emergency Management staff continue to do an exceptional job to ensure that we have these supplies.***
- A few of the Health Drive specialists have started to come into the building to provide necessary services (audiology, dentistry, podiatry and vision). These practitioners are scheduled– allowing for one appointment at a time and all areas highly sanitized in between residents.
- The second most frequent question we receive is “when will you allow visitors”. We continue to follow the CDC, CMS and local Health Dept. guidance for limiting those coming into the building to “essential workers”. At this time, we cannot allow for family and friends, unless for compassionate visits at end of life. We know that this is most difficult – and work to balance the hard decisions of visits, yet keeping our residents safe.

Please – as always feel free to call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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