

November 13, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

This is a quick update to let you know that we have continued to do our testing twice weekly due to the HIGH County positivity rate.

As of 1:00 today, all tests for staff and residents have come back negative for this week. We do, however still have more results that we are waiting for.

IF you (resident) or your family member at Samaritan tests positive – YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED directly from our Nursing staff. If you do not hear – please know that the tests were negative.

As we speak, two enclosed tents are being installed on our outside patio for the benefit of those participating in our window visits. We will be heating these areas as well since we know the cold is upon us.

Window visits are still our only form of visitation we can have at this time – again because of the high community rate. We have indoor spots ready to go, however we – and all other nursing homes in the HIGH counties, are unable to do these, based on public health and CMS guidelines.

We have had spots that have gone unfilled these last few weeks. Please call the front office to sign up for a window visit.

We know, with the Thanksgiving holiday coming up, that there may be a few more family members coming to the area. If you need an alternate time for a visit or would like to have more than 2 people on the visit – please ask and we will see what we can do to accommodate this.

A full hard copy letter will be coming out with the billings this next week. We will share some additional holiday visiting tips and the core principles that we must follow.

Today marks a tough 8-month mark of being “closed” to families and visitors. This is so hard for everyone involved. Please help care for yourselves and each other by: wearing a mask, social distancing, washing hands, minimizing to small gatherings – and staying home and safe.

As always – please call with questions, concerns, ideas and contacts for your family members here.

Thank you,

Mari Beth Borek

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