

November 6th, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

My hope is that each of you are staying well and helping do your part in helping STOP the SPREAD of COVID-19. I hope you found the information from the Public Health Departments helpful; sent with last week's communication.

It is a very vital CALL TO ACTION for all of us!

In the midst of this statewide surge, we continue to test staff twice weekly and residents weekly (or more often if symptomatic). We have all of Tuesday's results and we had **1 positive resident in our Assisted Living and 1 ancillary staff member**. Last Fridays test results resulted in **4 additional staff members** testing positive. Testing will continue to ensure that we are able to contain the virus transmission as much as possible.

Holiday time will soon be here. We know that they will look differently for all of us. We are working very hard to explore all possible options as to how we can treat these holidays as special for all – but still know that we need to uphold the core principles of safety for residents, families and staff.

Next week we will send an actual letter – along with a listing of many of the events and ways that we are planning to make these as special as we can.

Window visits continue – but we know that the beautiful weather of this week will not. We have installed partitions to help with the wind. We are looking at having an actual enclosure for families (maybe with heat). We are also ordering some equipment that hopefully will help with the communication for our residents as for many – the speaker on the phone is not ideal.

Today, I was on several calls with Administrators from across the region and State – exploring what IS possible to help with both the psycho-social needs of our residents while keeping folks safe. As I have said in previous letters – there are not any perfect answers. HOWEVER – we are meeting again as a Samaritan team to explore more possibilities. There are risks and benefits; both for the residents and staff personally as well as ensuring that the campus is following the regulations.

What are your thoughts and ideas and risk tolerance? Please email me ideas at: [mari.borek@washcowisco.gov](mailto:mari.borek@washcowisco.gov)

Please try to think of ways to continue to connect with residents here. Your cards, cookies, flowers, children's drawings, videos, dance clips, favorite recipes and memories..... all help.

Watch on our FaceBook page next week for a special Veteran's Day video that honors our resident veterans. They have helped with this. We hope to do some fun videos too that can be shared between residents, families and staff in the upcoming weeks.

Please feel free to read and share the earlier communications on our website at: [www.samaritancampus.com](http://www.samaritancampus.com). We also provide weekly updates on our Campus Communication Hotline **262-335-4599**.

REMINDER - Letters went out recently for the flu shots. Please watch for these and remember to sign and return them to us. Verbal permission was received prior to giving the flu shots to residents – but the signed consent form is important for us to have returned please.

Again, thank you for all of your support through these trying times.

Please help lower the spread by social distancing, washing your hands (again and again!!) wearing a mask when in close contact with anyone, stay home and avoid any type of gatherings – even at the holidays, even though it is hard.

Thank you,

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