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Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

We are happy to report that, as of today, we have no confirmed cases of COVID19 in our facility. We performed our Mass testing for both staff and residents on June 1, 2020 as part of Governor Hogan's nursing home initiative. There were 57 residents tested and 66 staff members tested. We have received our results and all were negative.

We must still remain focused and not become relaxed in our safety and surveillance efforts. We have received many questions surrounding when visitations may resume. At this time the CDC recommendations and Governor's executive orders have not changed for nursing homes related to the COVID19 pandemic.

Speaking to our continued efforts, we have experienced an uptick in family members requesting to drop items off at the front door for their loved ones. While we understand that some items may be a necessity such as clothing/shoes etc. we ask that you keep this to the minimum necessary as each time we have this hand off at the door we increase our chances of transmission of the virus. Mailing items such as preferred snacks and candies, magazines or playing cards is a good alternative to dropping items off at the door.

Our residents and staff's safety remain our top priority and we want to assure you that we are working tirelessly to keep everyone in our community safe. We continue to follow the recommendations of our federal, state and local health officials, including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), to implement enhanced protective measures, such as:

- Only essential personnel are permitted inside the facility and they are screened for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering.
- Residents are continually monitored.
- Housekeeping is performing regular deep cleanings of the facility.
- Staff receives education and wears personal protective equipment (PPE) as recommended by the CDC.
- Group activities have been suspended and staff is providing individual activities for residents.
- We are implementing isolation protocols, as required.
- We encourage staff to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community.

As a reminder, we will notify you through our website of newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 as well as when three (3) or more residents and/or staff present with new onset respiratory symptoms that occur within seventy-two (72) hours. We will also update you with any new steps we are taking to prevent and reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Again, please check our website for more updates and information. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly 301-334-2319.

Sincerely,

Sheila Jones-Marino

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Administrator