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## WEEKLY UPDATE

**10/29/2020**

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had one resident and four staff members test positive for COVID-19. Our resident, who tested negative after a second COVID-19 test, has since discharged from our facility. Of the four staff members that have tested positive, three have completed their mandatory 14-day isolation periods and have safely returned to work while the fourth will not return to the facility.

As a result of our most recent positive staff member, we regretfully have to pause our indoor visitation for the time being. Our visitation may be reconsidered if our facility completes two consecutive weeks of all negative results for both residents and staff. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding during this most difficult of times.

As always, we are working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged 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. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 301-777-5941.

Sincerely,

*Debra Buckalew*

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