

## **WEEKLY UPDATE AND NOTIFICATION OF NEW CASE**

**12/17/2020**

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 49 residents and 43 staff members test positive for COVID-19. We have had 40 residents recover and 40 staff members who have recovered and have returned to work. Yesterday, we did have 1 staff member test positive and they will remain off work according to the CDC Return to Work Guidelines. Due to the ongoing outbreak we will continue to test the residents weekly and the staff are testing two times a week per Maryland Department of Health Guidelines based on the county positivity rates.

Christmas is fast approaching and will be very different for all of us this year. If you would like to drop items off for your loved one we will accept them in our vestibule area inside of our automatic doors and see that they are delivered to your family . If you have any questions about

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 and exiting. 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,

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Administrator