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COVID-19 NOTIFICATION/UPDATE

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To our valued staff members,

We recently received confirmation that one (1) staff member, and one (1) resident in our facility tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, we rescreened all employees and residents for signs or symptoms of COVID-19 related illnesses. We will continue increased screenings of residents three times per day and staff will be screened upon entering and exiting the building. We will also be performing additional testing and will update you with the results. We are conducting a deep cleaning of the facility including all high contact areas. We have been in contact with the health department and working closely with them to prevent further spread of the virus in our facility.

While we are disappointed that we have a staff member with COVID-19, after we have worked so hard to prevent the spread of the virus in our facility, we know that we are dealing with an extremely contagious virus. Rather than be discouraged by this, we are going to focus our efforts on taking all necessary steps to protect our residents and staff. We are committed to eliminating this virus from our facility and we will continue to implement and practice enhanced safety precautions recommended by our federal, state, and local health officials, such as:

- only essential personnel are permitted inside the facility,
- performing regular screenings for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering and upon exiting the facility,
- continually monitoring residents, performing regular deep cleanings,
- using PPE as recommended by the CDC,
- providing individual activities as opposed to group activities,
- implementing isolation protocols as required, and,
- practicing social distancing, using hand sanitizer, and frequently washing hands while in the facility and the community

As a reminder, we will post updates on our facility website at www.alleganynursingandrehab.com. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to come and see me directly.

Sincerely,

Debra Buckalew
Administrator