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WEEKLY UPDATE

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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 zero residents and two staff members test positive for COVID-19. Due to two consecutive weeks of no positive COVID results from our staff, our residents were not required to be tested last week. We once again achieved all negative results from last week's staff testing and as a result the residents will not be tested this week either.

Our facility has received our POC testing machine that enables COVID-19 testing to be completed with a 15 minute turnaround time. This, along with continued negative results in our weekly staff testing, we are hopeful to begin outside visitation within the next two to three weeks. We understand the difficulty of being away from your loved ones for so long and truly appreciate all of your patience during these 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,

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