Happy Holidays!

COVID-19 continues to be a challenging time for everyone. We would like to express our gratitude for your understanding of the precautions our facility has taken during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most individuals living in long-term care facilities fall into the category of increased risk. The state Department of Health and CMS strongly recommends against families taking persons who reside in long-term care facilities to their homes or to gatherings for holiday events.

If a resident does choose to leave the facility the CMS is providing the following recommendations:

- Limit close contact (maintain physical distancing of six feet or more), keep gatherings as small as possible.
- Wear facemasks or cloth face covering at all times (including in cars, homes and restaurants).
- Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items.
- Avoid communal serving utensils, passing of food, potluck or buffet style food services.
- Perform hand hygiene often (wash hands with soap and water or used alcohol based sanitizer).
- Avoid large gatherings, crowded areas, and avoid high-risk activities.
- Ask anyone who has signs and symptoms of COVID-19, or has been exposed to someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19, to not attend the gathering.
- If gathering indoors, have good ventilation and try to keep windows open.
- Check local conditions and state requirements for precautions and restrictions, including positivity rates and quarantining requirements before crossing state lines.

If a resident leaves the building with family, the following will need to be followed when the resident returns:

- Screen the resident and increase monitoring for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- The resident will be tested upon returning to the facility.
- The resident will be placed on our quarantine unit for 14 days upon returning.

If your loved one is leaving the facility on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day please notify the front desk in advance by calling 419-447-2723.

We send you many blessings of health and safety during this Holiday Season!

With Gratitude,

Gabe Stoll
Executive Director