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To Our Residents and Family Members:

Last Friday, 8/12/22, we tested all staff that are not up to date with their vaccinations and all residents that have not tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days and we had no positive cases for staff or residents. Today we again tested staff that are not up to date with their vaccinations and we had no positive cases. We will not test residents today since we had no positive cases on 8/9 or 8/12 when we tested. Regardless of vaccination status, residents and staff will be tested if they show signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or there is a positive COVID-19 test in the facility and it is determined somebody had a high risk exposure to the positive person. Staff that is not up to date with vaccinations will again be tested on Friday 8/19/22.

We are currently having activities for residents. Residents should wear a mask at the activity and ensure proper hand hygiene is being practiced. Dining rooms are also open for use. Beautician services are also up and running.

We are following CDC and CMS guidelines for these inside visitations. We are now open for visitation at any time. We still are asking families to visit in the resident's room or a designated area but visits will not have to be scheduled and they can take place even if there are positive cases in the facility. The facility will still give the families a surgical mask for the visit. If a resident is in quarantine, the family can still visit but will only be given a surgical mask. If the family would like additional protective equipment beyond the surgical mask it will be up to the family to bring it in on their own.

We are also allowing residents to go out with families for outings. Residents do not have to quarantine no matter if they are vaccinated or not as long as they don't have an exposure to somebody with COVID-19 symptoms and the resident is gone less than 24 hours. We ask families to call the facility and ask for the nurse of their loved one to let them know when they will be picking them up to take them out of the facility. The family member will sign the resident out when they leave and sign them back in when they return at the reception desk. Each time a family member takes a resident out of the facility they will be asked to sign a Negotiated Risk Agreement.

We have started some renovations in our main dining room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor this week. Yesterday we started serving room trays to the residents that normally eat in the main dining room. We anticipate this lasting up to two weeks. We will be taking off all the wallpaper and painting the dining room. Windows have also been ordered and will be installed once they arrive. We also will eventually have new dining room furniture but anticipate that taking up to two months to arrive. I apologize for the inconvenience but we are very excited to see what the dining room will look like once everything is completed.

We know this continues to be a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to update you as we have updates to give.

Sincerely,

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