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To Our Residents and Family Members:

Today we tested a staff member that was showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and that staff member was positive. At this time we do not have to test any residents because they did not have any close contact with the employee. Tomorrow, 8/30/22, we will test staff that are not up to date with their vaccinations.

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 are continuing with some renovations in our main dining room on the 1st floor. We have been serving room trays to the residents that normally eat in the main dining room. We originally thought this would take about two weeks but it looks like it may last a little longer. As soon as it is ready, residents will be able to begin eating in that dining room again. 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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