

WEEKLY UPDATE

July 10, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

We hope everyone had a fun and safe July 4th weekend! Over the holiday, and always, our staff works hard to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our facility. To date, we have a total of 38 residents and 6 staff members who tested positive for COVID-19. In response to this, we have implemented a designated COVID-19 unit and a designated Step-Down unit following the recommendations of our federal, state and local health officials. Our COVID-19 unit is located on 100 and 200 halls. This area houses our residents that received a positive COVID-19 test result, along with those who have been exposed or whose likelihood of exposure was high. Our Step-Down unit is located on 300 and 400 halls. This area houses our residents that received a negative COVID-19 test result and whose likelihood of exposure was low.

We also conducted another facility-wide testing on 7/9/2020. We administered 98 tests to residents and 73 tests to staff members. Testing will be wrapped up today. As we receive the results from this round of testing, each resident and their designated Responsible Party will receive an initial notification of the results. Follow up calls will be placed if there are any new treatment plans, physician orders, or changes in condition to any specific resident.

We continue to follow our federal, state and local health officials' recommendations and guidance for all appropriate precautions and preventative measures including the donning and doffing of required PPE, frequent hand washing, and frequent cleaning/disinfecting throughout the facility. We have scheduled an infection control assessment for Tuesday July 14, 2020 with an epidemiologist from the Harris County Public Health Department. These assessments are voluntary and provide any feedback or suggestions/recommendations on current infection control practices within Long Term Care facilities to help ensure we continue to keep our residents and staff healthy.

With the growing number of COVID-19 cases in certain areas of the country, it is also important to remember what you can do to help prevent community spread of the virus. You should wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoid close contact with people who are sick and people who don't live in your household by maintaining six feet of distance between you and them, cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others, cover coughs and sneezes using the inside of your elbow and immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

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 your loved one's assigned Guardian Angel or their nurse at 281-347-8200.

Sincerely,

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Administrator