



## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**July 24, 2020**

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 73 residents and 30 staff members test positive for COVID-19. We anticipate being able to relocate 60 residents onto our Step-down Unit starting next week. Residents placed on the “Step-down Unit” will be monitored for an additional 14 days to ensure they do not develop any new or worsened signs and symptoms. After the 14-day monitoring period, those residents will be deemed as “recovered”! The residents that are still exhibiting signs and symptoms will be relocated onto a new COVID Positive Unit, which we anticipate to be located on the 400 hall. At this time, we do not anticipate doing future facility wide testing. Only those that exhibit new signs and symptoms related to COVID-19 will be tested if ordered by their attending physician.

As you might already know, the federal government announced last week that it is going to send point-of-care testing supplies for COVID-19 to all skilled nursing facilities in the country. We hope this means better access to testing and faster results for our staff and residents, but we will keep you posted as we get more information and details on this development. 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 281-347-8200.

Sincerely,

*Kelly Linker*

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Administrator