

Greetings,



It is difficult to imagine that we are eight weeks into the announcement of the current pandemic and as a community we have been practicing the standards asked of us for nearly two months! We have been fielding calls about food and items brought to the building, please note we have relaxed the prohibition of flowers and are accepting flower deliveries. The vase or container must be a surface we can disinfect immediately upon entering the building. The same practices are being followed regarding items brought to the building for residents; we ask that takeout and homemade food be placed in a container that can be disinfected. Any non-food item must be disinfected by staff prior to delivery to the resident. Our window visits have been a great success, please remember due to scheduling and disinfection we have a finite number of visits per day, we request patience while scheduling a visit with Jill in the Business Office.

We have what seems to be our new weekly federal requirement, the most recent is mandated reporting. Daily, we are reporting resident COVID-19 impact, facility capacity, staff and personnel impact, supplies and PPE and if we have the ability to use ventilators; St. Vincent's is not an approved site for ventilator use. Failure to report may result in significant monetary penalties. We registered immediately and reporting daily as expected! Again, if our COVID-19 status changes within the home we will notify you of the situation. If we experience a COVID-19 illness, or three or more residents or staff with new-onset of respiratory symptoms occurring within 72 hours of each other we are required to inform residents, their representatives, and families of those residing in facilities of the new on-set of respiratory illness. I request that you please contact either myself or Jill with family members who should have this information to help us assist in email messaging and widespread notification of a new-onset of respiratory illness, we would like to expand our email chain.

Next week is National Nursing Home Week, we typically experience an exciting carnival-style week but due to the inability to have group activities we put a twist on the week; the show will still go on! We intend to have a typical Nursing Home Week once the restrictions are lifted. A few of the highlights for next week include:

- Murder Mystery Game- designed by managers
- Expanded Coffee Station
- BBQ
- Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- Many, Many more activities

As a small thank you and to display appreciation of our incredible staff a local company made a banner for us, in addition to the signs in the ground, as a way to shout "THANK YOU." I provided a picture for review.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions.

Happy Mother's Day to each mother, within our home and within the community. "To the world, you are a mother, but to your family, you are the world."

Thank you,

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