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Greetings,

I hope each of you and your families have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend! It is difficult to comprehend the reality of how we are still facing challenges as a result of this pandemic and areas of the United States continue to see increases in cases. New Hampshire is beginning to see a decline in cases, thank you for taking precaution such as wearing a mask and practicing proper hand hygiene. Our outdoor visits continue to be a great success and according to our two wonderful ladies in the Business Office, Diane and Jill, the phone is consistently ringing. Your understanding and adherence to the restrictions has made this an enjoyable experience.

New Hampshire nursing homes are in Phase 1 of reopening and the onion of restrictions is slowly being peeled away, while being replaced with new mandates. This week we were provided guidance for review and to develop a plan to begin limited communal dining and group activities for COVID-19 negative or asymptomatic residents, including those who have recovered from COVID-19 as long as they are asymptomatic and have met CDC criteria for removal from isolation. The delivery of this announcement has come at a time where members of our Pandemic Planning Committee and Safety Committee will be unavailable to participate in planning. We have scheduled a meeting for the first day we can organize the members to develop a plan that will maintain satisfactory compliance to the requirements. This is an exciting next step in moving back to normalcy but unfortunately we are still required to restrict entry to non-essential healthcare personnel.

At this time we are in the discussion phase of allowing the beautician to return, *this is discussion only!* We do not have the exact timeframe as to when the beautician will return but having the discussion is a promising step. We are looking at necessary PPE, routine COVID-19 testing, distancing requirements, cleaning and many other details to review. I hope to share additional information in the coming weeks but due to the volume of inquiries regarding beautician services we wanted to provide this brief update.

Again, I hope you have a wonderful holiday weekend.

Take care,

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