

July 24, 2020



Greetings,

Happy Opening Day! Spring has passed but summer baseball has returned, the return adds a small sense of desperately needed normalcy. As I type this letter we have received the majority of Tuesday's COVID test results and each report has indicated a negative test, fingers crossed the remaining tests are the same. Our staff deserve recognition and praise for their continued dedication to our weekly surveillance testing. Staff have consistently reported to the building each week for testing. Although the test is not pleasant, staff understand the significance and relationship of testing to maintaining a healthy resident population. Another positive are the two new LNAs recently licensed and wanting to work during this time of need. They experienced major delay with their LNA program but through their tenacious efforts they were successfully licensed and anxious to join our family.

We are in the dog days of summer for our residents the cooler weather will be here soon. We request for families to periodically review the balance in the resident trust account to ensure the balance does not exceed \$2,500 and jeopardize the resident's Medicaid benefit. Purchasing clothing or other items that are necessary our would be enjoyed by the resident is a great opportunity to maintain a resident's account balance.

Candy O'Neil, Activity Director, reports the residents are incredibly happy our outdoor visits have returned. We are obligated to halt outdoor visits when a positive test result is returned, staff understand the impact this has on our residents and are trying to maintain vigilance of the actions within their personal lives to reduce the risk of a positive test result.

On deck, our Safety Committee has fully returned and we are in discussions as to how to provide small group activities and communal dining for our residents in a manner that complies with the guidance and mandates from DHHS. Social distancing requirements is creating an interesting situation for a multilevel building; however, where there is a will there is a way and we will solve this puzzle! I have returned to the office so please feel free to utilize phone messaging in addition to email if you would like to reach me.

Thank you,

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