

July 31, 2020



Greetings,

Last week we reported a team would be gathered to organize a plan for a return of communal dining and small group activities and this week some residents began eating together and no longer alone in their rooms! Communal dining began on Thursday with small group activities beginning Monday. To maintain strong infection control practices, we opted to stagger the return of dining and activities so we could effectively monitor both and make adjustments as needed. We used the closing of our dining room as an opportunity to give it a quick facelift. Residents were happy to see the new paint, drapes, waxed floor and of course delighted to eat with one another.

During the initial month of weekly COVID testing we were contracted with a lab outside of New Hampshire. Beginning this past week, the state of New Hampshire will provide the swabs and lab for our weekly testing. We are told we can anticipate a swift turnaround of test results, as of Friday afternoon approximately 1/3 of the results for this week's test have been returned with a negative test result! We are hopeful the transition does yield more accurate and faster results.

I wanted to take a moment to thank each individual who has come to the building for a visit, everyone has continued to follow our mandated precautions without hesitation; we sympathize in how these constraints cause a restriction to the visit. We have had family members from outside of New England contact us regarding visitation. Unfortunately, we are unable to schedule visits for individuals who have not quarantined within New England for 14 days prior to the visit. Please do not hesitate to call and discuss any particular situations or to see if anything has changed since the last weekly update.

Thank you,

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