

September 11, 2020



Greetings,

I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday weekend this past week, we are now on the fast track to autumn. Our last round of testing was conducted on Monday, September 7 and approximately ¾ of the results have returned, all negative! As mentioned last week we took a precautionary approach when an employee began to exhibit symptoms associated with COVID-19. This employee took an additional COVID test and we have since received confirmation the test was negative! Communal dining, small group activities and visitations are back in motion! Candy O'Neil reports the residents are excited to have the return of Bingo, religious services and Jenn, our beautician.

Justifiably, many individuals have been asking when we will permit visitors to enter the building; indoor visitation will begin Monday, September 21. The interpretation from the newest guidance allows for two individuals to participate in indoor social visits, as of this time we will not require one family member to be named as an "essential visitor." We will be following the same practices as before, an appointment will be made in advance and screening questions will be asked. A second series of screening questions will be asked immediately before the visit and we will then provide appropriate PPE and accompany you to the designated visiting area for a supervised visit. We still have details to finalize which we will complete during our Safety Meeting next week. We are hopeful for one more week of warm weather before we move indoors. We do not have guidance as to when unsupervised visitations can occur in resident rooms, but for now we are grateful to have an indoor designation for visitation.

Our roofing project is moving along nicely and the crew is moving their equipment to a different working area. They will be placing their supplies and crane in the rear parking lot, we will have a marked off designation so individuals do not enter their work zone. We will ensure a clear area is maintained for deliveries, emergency services and as a walking path to enter the building. Visitors will follow this path then walk against the building towards the visiting area. Lee Lambert, Maintenance Director, will have the visitation schedule so he can ensure the crane is not operating as you enter/leave your visit. If you have any questions regarding this process please do not hesitate to call, the work crew understands the importance of the visitations and ensuring visitor safety. To avoid residents near the work area, residents will be accessing the visiting area through a different entry point accessible from the dining room. I provided a picture for reference.

During the earlier part of calendar year 2019 Catholic Charities New Hampshire organized an application process for interested LNAs to apply for an LPN program sponsored by CCNH. Jenny Ferren and Cindy Bisson were both accepted into the LPN program, this program has come to completion and both Jenny and Cindy are graduating on Saturday, September 12. We are incredibly proud of our two students and proud to call them nurses.

Last week I mentioned a photo project we are actively working on to help the resident see who we are under the masks and to bring back visible smiles. I wanted to ensure proper accolades are presented and we would like to give a special shout out to Muriel Blais for the idea, thank you Muriel!

Thank you,

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Walking / Ambulance  
Deliveries



Walking Path to visit area