

October 9, 2020



This week we tested 100% of our staff, unfortunately results will not return until this weekend. This month we will begin a new cycle of testing as directed by the state of New Hampshire. The rate of testing will be designated by the rate of individuals within the county who have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Our community continues to maintain safe practices such as social distancing and wearing a mask while in public which helps contribute to a low rate of infection. Due to our low rate of infection 100% of staff members will be tested one week and 10% of staff each subsequent week, we will only be testing 10% of staff throughout the remaining weeks in October and 100% of staff the first week of November. This pattern will remain in effect until we are issued updated guidance. Testing is the best way to identify new cases of COVID, to counter the decrease in testing we continue to push staff to remain vigilant with safe practices and to wear their masks properly. Nearly 90% of Staff also accepted the flu vaccine this week, this rate illustrates to commitment the team has to preserving a healthy environment. We are very grateful for them!

Kim Reardon, Memory Care, took part in a certification program to enhance her memory care skillset and successfully became a Certified Dementia Care Specialist. Kim maintains a focus on reviewing the individual preferences of our residents who have cognitive impairments and this new certification provides Kim with a wider base of knowledge to assist the residents, staff as well as families. Beginning with the newsletter released on Friday, October 16 Kim will provide a new topic of information once a month for families, friends and associates to better understand the processes of Dementia and many other Dementia related subjects. We are incredibly proud of Kim's achievement and appreciate her contribution in delivering this information to the community.

Our Adopt-A-Resident program is picking up momentum; we wish families were able to freely enter the building and visit liberally but until restrictions are lifted this is an opportunity to provide each resident with increased visitations. I would like to remind everyone of the Zoom meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 13 at 6pm for discussion about the survey, COVID and the reopening process. **The Zoom meeting code is 393 735 7941 and the passcode is 496580.** I encourage everyone to participate to ensure everyone's voice is heard and represented.

Thank you,

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