

November 13, 2020



Greetings,

A belated thank you to each Veteran and their families, we appreciate your selfless service to our country.

This past Tuesday we tested 10% of our staff with only two results returned, both are negative! The remaining are pending, Donna and I will be watching for the remaining results over the weekend.

During this week's statewide call with DHHS no significant announcements were made specific to long-term care. The rate of COVID transmission in each county is at a substantial level causing every nursing home in New Hampshire to be in Phase 1. This is unfortunate because of the inability to provide greater allowances for our residents. The best way to decrease the rate of transmission is to encourage all members of the community to wear a mask while in public. Together we have done well at maintaining a low number of active COVID cases in Berlin and the surrounding communities but to sustain this trend it is vital we encourage everyone to wear a mask for the courtesy and protection of our fellow neighbors.

Far too many times in 2020 we have cancelled an annual event, due to COVID we are unable to host our Annual Memorial Mass with family and friends of those who passed away. To memorialize those we have lost a poem was mailed to the first contact of each resident who passed away and a picture board has been displayed in the chapel for individuals within the building to pay their respects. Many wonderful stories are shared when staff view the display.

As many of you know during the spring and summer months we maintain a koi pond in the garden. The fish would not survive the winter so they were brought indoors and a fish tank with accessories was donated and placed near the main entrance on first floor. We have not had animals in the building for a long time and the residents who have seen the fish have enjoyed the new edition.

We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or comments so we can work through them together.

Thank you,

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