

June 25, 2021

Families, friends, residents and staff,

This past week was certainly active. Unvaccinated staff were tested for COVID with all tests returning negative, DHHS arrived for their unannounced audit and our HR Director Liz Amato held a successful job fair where she met some people interested in employment and the Pathways program, a great opportunity to travel the ranks of nursing. Our visitation practice, quality of care, policies and countless areas of review was conducted during the DHHS audit. They exited with fantastic praise, a couple recommendations and two areas of focus; one being medications at bedside. Please understand there is a regulatory process and families cannot provide over the counter or prescribed medications from home to keep in the resident's room. Please contact us if you have questions.

Monday was our scheduled adjustment to visitations, so far the changes have been positive and effective. We have eliminated the wait time and individuals are able to schedule visits any weekday they wish, the weekends are typically full and we request your continued patience. We intend to allow a few weeks to pass so we can review the process and see if we can make further adjustments. We must stress the importance of adhering to the following CDC/CMS requirements:

- Scheduling visits with covid screening
- Screening prior to entry
- Masks worn properly at all times
 - Masks may be removed when all individuals are fully vaccinated and while around people in your party
- Visitors must socially distance from staff and residents who they have not scheduled a visit with

Our goal is to provide everyone visiting opportunities with the least amount of restrictions allowable. Infection control standards are more stringent and it is the expectation from our governing agencies that all individuals must follow them; this includes but not limited to the items listed above. It will take a community effort to keep us in visitation compliance but following the guidelines will allow us to continue these less restrictive policies. We are grateful for your assistance!

The students we sponsored and sat for their LNA exam last week all passed, we are very proud of them!

Hope you all have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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