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Families, friends, residents and staff,

Our weekly updates with DHHS and New Hampshire Healthcare Association slowed to twice a month, there have not been any recent updates from the CDC or CMS and those calls are on hold for a couple weeks. When new information is presented we will be certain to extend the updates. The natural progression of a virus cycle involves mutations and COVID-19 Delta Variant is more contagious than previous strains but the evidence is suggesting fully vaccinated individuals are well protected from becoming sick or requiring hospitalization. A large percentage of our residents and staff are fully vaccinated and according to the State's COVID Dashboard there are two cases of COVID in the county. Although low, we are still asking for the community to be vigilant about COVID transmission.

We try to avoid redundancy in the weekly updates but we consistently have new families and CDC/CMS requirements should be shared weekly to educate new families and provide a gentle reminder to everyone. Please remember, we are obligated to obey the following CDC/CMS requirements:

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

After monitoring the volume of phone calls and difficulty in managing the schedule we request the following:

- Please avoid changing visit time unless it is necessary
- You do not have to call if you would like to change the visit location (outdoors to indoors)

This week Laura Vaillancourt, Social Services, gave our conference room a much-needed facelift. After a year plus of focusing on COVID we require attention to the other details; managers of been assisting in various capacities to rejuvenate the property. Many compliments have been offered and I would also like to extend a thank you for this needed attention. Also, a special shout out to Rollie and Paula Poirier for their continued community service!



Thank you to Annette and her family for sharing this photo opportunity during her visit with fully vaccinated family members.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday weekend!

Sincerely,

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