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Families, friends, residents and staff;

On Tuesday we conducted PCR testing which are sent to the state lab. Test results have returned and 5 new resident cases have been identified and 2 new positive staff have been identified. Positive residents are on the third floor, we ask for everyone's support and prayers that the spread has stopped. Staff will begin returning to work this weekend and 3 residents came out of isolation today!

Each staff members who tests positive for COVID are out of work for 10 days, this may be longer based on the severity of the individual's illness. We are happy to announce positive staff and residents have presented with moderate to mild symptoms, many have been asymptomatic. Regardless if people who are COVID positive are symptomatic or asymptomatic the 10-day isolation is required. Families have asked if we have the ability for a resident to "test out" of isolation if negative after 7 days, unfortunately this has not been approved through DHHS. Despite staff cases continuing to increase there continues to be positive energy. We will begin seeing staff return to work this weekend which will provide great assistance to everyone.

Each department has shown a focus and commitment to our residents and each other; examples include nursing staff working diligently to provide all the necessary care for each individual with Social Services helping, the maintenance department working on various projects while stopping everything instantly when a COVID need arises, dietary ensuring meals are prepared for interested staff and the Life Enrichment staff deserve special recognition for their attempts to focusing on resident mental health and their psychosocial well-being. Members of the Life Enrichment department who are LNA's have also stayed late to assist nursing.

Thank you to each staff member for your continued commitment and we thank each family and friend who has provided words of support to our staff. Thank you!

We ask people do not visit if you have ANY cold of flu symptoms or experiencing any other illness.

- A mask must be worn that covers the nose and mouth while walking throughout the building
- A face shield must also be worn by visitors while walking to a resident's room
- Visitors may not associate with other residents during the visit
- Maintain social distancing from other individuals
- Do not visit if you had an encounter with a potentially positive or COVID positive individual within the last 14 days or if any new onset of illness exists.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns,

Kindly,

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