WEEKLY UPDATE
January 21, 2021

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had sixty-four residents and forty-three staff members test positive for COVID-19. Forty-two employees have returned to work. Forty-eight residents have recovered. Van Zandt County positivity rate continues to be over 20% which requires we test employees twice a week.

Our first Covid-19 Vaccine clinic was January 14, 2021. We are optimistic this will help stop the spread of this virus in our community. The second dose vaccine clinic will be February 4, 2021. If your loved one did not get the vaccine at the first clinic, they still can get the first dose on February 4 and a third clinic will be scheduled for their second dose. Please let us know.

Even after vaccines are completed we will continue and ask that you continue to do your part in limiting the transmission of COVID-19 by wearing masks, washing your hands and keeping a safe distance from others.

We continue to work hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only screening staff for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entrance as well as twice weekly testing; using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Our residents are continually monitored for signs and symptoms of coronavirus. We also test at least weekly or more frequently as recommended by CDC depending on the results of the tests. If one of your loved ones tests positive or experiences any change of condition, you will be notified by the charge nurse.

We are extremely grateful that you have entrusted your loved ones to our care. The recent rise in COVID-19 cases in Texas as well as all over the country has affected how we all will be celebrating this holiday season. Our visitations for the holidays will remain as follows:

- We are open to closed window visits
- Telephone calls anytime
- FaceTime calls as scheduled with the Activity Director

Essential Caregiver visits are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments for Monday through Saturday can be made by calling during the hours of 10am to 3pm Monday through Friday only with the receptionist. Designated Essential Caregivers must be at least 18 years of age; and MUST have a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 14 days old prior to first visit. Personal Protective Equipment will be provided in accordance with CDC guidelines and training on proper use. Visits can occur outdoors, in the resident's bedroom or in another area in the facility that limits visitor movement through the facility and interaction with other residents. Essential Caregiver Visitor must wear a facemask over both the mouth and nose and other appropriate PPE recommended by CDC guidance and the facility's policy while in the facility. Visitor must also sign an agreement to leave the facility at the appointed time unless otherwise approved by the facility. Additional information will be given as needed.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 925-567-0444.

Sincerely

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