

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you all for the support as we traverse this unique time. As I am sure your loved ones have shared, our testing has increased as cases continue to grow outside our properties in the community at large. Our intention is to test residents weekly and staff twice a week. As things change and resources become more or less available our plan may need to be adjusted. The good news is that we have been granted use of Point of Care Testing called BinaxNow from the Illinois Department of Public Health which allows us to get all results within 15 minutes.

IDPH has also asked all congregate settings to increase measures to prevent the spread of this virus as we all have been placed in what the state calls Tier 3. This will impact us in the following ways and will continue until the state tells us otherwise. They have projected three weeks but this is not a guarantee.

- We need to cancel all visitation other than compassionate care
- We need to cancel all group activities. We will have some creative programs going on that allow for true social distancing and masks.
- We will require all non-community staff to have a signed approval letter on them at all times while in the community.

As you all know, we have had isolated cases over the last 8 months. We believe that these cases have not spread within the building due to the protocols we have in place and the great participation we have from the residents. That said, the rate of infection in our surrounding area and state has gone up dramatically which puts us at a greater risk for virus entry. We are asking everyone to please continue to do your part. We know this will be even more difficult with the holidays coming. The reality is that the virus is being spread through these gatherings and has the potential to spread in this community.

Skipping large family gatherings for the holiday season of 2020 might just ensure you get to see those family members in 2021.

We believe we are in the home stretch with the pandemic. The next three months will be critical to our success as we work to keep everybody safe. We are very optimistic about the vaccine news and have signed up with CVS to administer the vaccine when it is available. It looks like we all will be able to get together far before next year's holidays and it is important to remember that your loved one is not alone. They are among friends and people who care about them.

Moving forward, we will continue to shelter in place, ask that all residents only go out for medically necessary reasons, screen all people who enter this community, follow all CDC and IDPH recommendations, continue intensive sanitation measures and move forward with the increase in the amount of testing.

As always, we are in this together and together we will get through it.

Thank you,



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