

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**October 15, 2020**

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 7 residents and 7 staff members test positive for COVID-19. At this time, we have no active COVID cases in our facility. We tested a total of 107 residents on October 7, 2020, and all the tests returned to us with a negative result. We tested 113 staff members on October 6, 2020 and 109 tests came back negative, with four still pending. We tested 124 staff members on October 13, 2020, and all of those tests are currently still pending. The facility will continue to test the staff twice a week, as the positivity rate is over 10% in Washoe county, according to CMS data.

As you know, we have been preparing to safely allow visitors at our facility and we are so excited to for you to see your loved ones. As we previously reported, there are many factors that determine when a facility can open up for visitors, up to and including our county's COVID-19 positivity rate, residents' health status, or if there is a COVID outbreak in the facility.

The facility is still not allowing visitors due to the county positivity rate being above 10%. We will continue to monitor the county positivity rate and will notify you once visitation is permitted.

As always, we are working 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 essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is 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.

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 775-626-2224.

Sincerely,

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