

## WEEKLY UPDATE

12/14/2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. This week, we've had 2 Residents and 1 staff member test positive. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 75 residents and 36 staff members test positive for COVID-19. As of Sept 2, 2020, DHEC is requiring all facilities to perform mandatory testing of all employees. Frequency of testing will be dependent upon the percentage of cases within that facility's county. Because Dorchester County rates are higher than 10%, we are now required to test 2x/wk. Unfortunately, Outdoor Visitations are still suspended because of the facility positives. We still have the ability to conduct window visits and FaceTime via our facility I-pads.

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 843-563-4602.

Sincerely,

*Vicki Sides, LNHA*

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Administrator

