



October 14, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

I hope this update finds each of you happy, healthy and enjoying our beautiful fall weather and menagerie of crisp fall colors!

Our community at large is experiencing an increase in positive COVID cases. This increase is cautionary for general community activity. For your safety, please follow the CDC recommendations, such as masking both indoors and outdoors when 6 feet cannot be maintained, performing frequent hand hygiene, and limiting exposures to large events. These activities are critical in slowing the community spread and maintaining your health and safety. Unfortunately, the challenge this virus presents is the spread from seemingly healthy looking individuals before symptoms appear. By the time an individual becomes symptomatic they have been contagious for several days prior and can potentially infect those in close contact. Be cautious with your community activities.

I share with you below a brief update of the COVID activities and reopening plan progress for each of our levels of care.

Health Care Center

Our health care center's Springfield Unit continues with COVID positive residents and coworkers. As of today, we have a total of 26 residents who have tested positive with COVID. I am happy to report that 6 residents have fully recovered. We are currently caring for 19 residents with active cases. Many of these residents have no symptoms or mild symptoms at this time.

Since September 30, we have 11 coworkers who have tested positive with 2 fully recovered and returned to work.

Our testing plan for residents and coworkers on our Springfield unit will continue with twice weekly laboratory testing. We also continue with our strict infection control practices, routine screening for symptoms, and overall mitigation efforts.

I am pleased to report that our Countryside Unit will resume reopening measures the week of October 19th. Moving forward, we will proactively test all unit residents and coworkers once weekly.

Our Tenley unit remains our observation unit for new admissions. We will continue our current infection control practices and weekly testing of unit residents and coworkers. OVER

Personal Care

Last Friday, we learned of a coworker in our Assisted Lifestyles area who tested positive for COVID. This coworker has been quarantining at home.

Upon learning of the result, we quickly implemented our mitigation plan with strict infection control practices and testing of all residents. I am pleased to report that all resident results have returned with negative results. Subsequent testing of this coworker revealed negative results, which indicates an initial false positive. On October 17, 2020 we will continue with our reopening steps following guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Human Services. We will continue with our monthly testing of co-workers.

Independent Living

Last Friday we received notification of a housekeeper assigned to our independent living units who tested positive. This coworker has been quarantining at home. Contact tracing was completed and residents who were potentially exposed notified and asked to monitor for symptoms and quarantine. We do not believe this coworker exposure occurred on campus and at this time are not aware of any further cases amongst our independent living residents or coworkers. We continue with our established reopening plan within the guidelines set forth by the Governor.

Our campus coworkers are designated to specific areas and units across the campus in an effort to prevent spread of the virus across the various campus locations. Keep in mind that service delivery may look a little different in the short term as we navigate through this challenging time. Our overall goal is to do our very best to keep our campus residents and coworkers safe. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

We will keep you updated as we learn new information. Please continue praying for the health and safety of our campus residents, coworkers, and leadership team.

My best to you all,



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