



April 29, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

Greetings! I hope you all have the chance to enjoy the warm weather this week.

Blair County recently had an increase in COVID-19 cases bringing our positivity rate to 9.2 %. The numbers seem to be leveling off this week and we are all hoping the numbers will decrease as we see more people become vaccinated.

I share with you below a brief update of COVID response and reopening activity for each level of care on our campus.

***Assisted Lifestyles***

On April 19, 2021 we discovered that one of our residents had contracted COVID-19. Through contact tracing we were able to determine this was an outside exposure. We immediately initiated the required outbreak protocol and discover 3 additional resident cases and 1 coworker case. Three of the residents developed severe symptoms requiring hospitalization and though 2 are recovering, sadly 1 of these residents passed away. I ask for your prayers for the family and coworkers who are grieving.

Residents who were in contact with those who tested positive for the virus are finishing the required 14 day in room quarantine. All services are being provided in each apartment.

All of our testing results are negative and we anticipate the isolation period to be completed for our affected residents on Monday, May 3, 2021 and May 5, 2021 for our residents on the North hall of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

We continue to schedule regular visits for our residents who are not on quarantine and can schedule compassionate care and compassionate caregiver visits for those still quarantined.

***Health Care Center and Waterside Personal Care***

Our health care units are currently free of COVID. Though we recently had a staff member who works in the kitchen test positive, our resident care areas were not impacted by this.

We are scheduling both indoor and outdoor visits for our residents. If you would like to schedule a visit, please call (814) 600-8295 8am to 4pm Monday – Friday. Please schedule 24 hours in advance. Visits will be scheduled 10am to 5pm Monday – Friday and 10am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

Residents are enjoying a variety of indoor and outdoor activities including picnics, gardening and bus tours with ice cream stops.

***Independent Living***

Our independent living community has access to all services and amenities. We have made adjustments to provide for distancing, sanitation and encourage frequent hand hygiene.

We will soon have the ability to live stream events and activities throughout the campus due to the generous gift from board members Allan and Judy Hancock. This will allow us to share the wonderful programs in the Bice Memorial Chapel and Givler Cultural Center with all residents on the campus. We have many exciting events on the calendar as we embrace reopening.

I pray you all have an enjoyable week.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director