



Dear Residents, Families and Co-Workers;

August 4, 2020

As we welcome in August, I am thankful to report that our community has no cases of COVID-19!

Last week we were informed that one of our residents from the Tenley Rehabilitation Unit tested positive for COVID-19 after being sent to the hospital. We immediately tested all staff and residents on the unit, and we are pleased to report that all tests have come back negative! Additionally, no staff or residents have displayed any symptoms of illness. This is a blessing we can all be thankful for. These results speak to the effectiveness of the safety and infection control measures used diligently by our co-workers.

We have completed our baseline testing for residents and co-workers in our Health Care Center, Waterside Personal Care, and Assisted Lifestyles Personal Care. All results were negative for COVID-19. We will continue to screen residents and co-workers daily for any exposures or symptoms.

Our Springfield and Countryside Units in the Health Care Center are in "step 2" of reopening. Our Waterside and Assisted Lifestyles Personal Care have entered "step 3" of reopening. In these stages of reopening, residents are enjoying small group activities, meals in the dining room, and outdoor visits with family.

We have received many questions related to scheduling visitation. We are able to offer window visits, booth visits, open air outdoor visits, indoor neutral zone visits, and video visits. To facilitate safe visitation and provide each family and resident a quality experience, visits must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. To schedule a visit, contact the designee for the unit you are visiting **Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.**

Countryside and Waterside:	Erin Weaver (814) 793-1338 eweaver@hmwd.org
Springfield:	Beth Hickey (814) 793-1330 bphickey@hmwd.org
Assisted Lifestyles:	Mandi Cottle (814) 793-1303 alcottle@hmwd.org

Director of Volunteer Services, Debra Pierce, along with Beth Kephart, LPN, Infection Control Coordinator, have put together a COVID-19 training program for volunteers who are assisting with safe resident and family visitation. Visitors must be screened by phone when scheduling a visit and again in person when they arrive. During visits, masks must be worn, surfaces will be sanitized and six feet of distance must be maintained. As part of our reopening plan, we are required to have staff or volunteers monitor visits for safety.

We ask that you be patient with us as we work to accommodate visitation requests. We want everyone to have the opportunity for visits as we know how important this is.

The Independent Living reopening is in a holding pattern based on the directives from the Governor's office on how many people can occupy an indoor space. To stay in compliance, we are maintaining our occupancy of indoor spaces at 25% or less. We also plan to keep our entrances restricted to Givler Drive until we begin to see a decrease of new cases of COVID-19 in our county. This will discourage outside traffic from entering our campus.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health continues to recommend 14-day self-quarantine after travel to states listed as Hot Spots for COVID-19 and international travel is discouraged.

I pray that you all have a blessed week!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Defibaugh".

Lisa Defibaugh, Executive Director