



*Advancing the Art of Living.*

March 11, 2021

Dear Family Member,

It's been a year since the lockdown restrictions were imposed on us and COVID began to enter all of our lives. Thank you for your support, cooperation and patience during this difficult time. We know it has been a challenge for everyone and we are optimistic that life will soon return to a more "normal" state.

We are pleased to report that all of our COVID testing results, for both elders and staff, on both campuses, have been negative this week. We are required to continue this ongoing testing, once weekly for elders and twice weekly for staff, based on the County COVID levels.

We, like you, were heartened by the CMS and CDC guidelines that came out yesterday and made visiting much more open. These recommendations, however, are not regulation and must be reviewed by, and acted upon by the New Jersey Department of Health. We were told that the Department of Health would be providing updates to the existing Executive Order on visiting and had hoped that would be today. So far, that has not happened, but we will update you as quickly as we can once the information becomes available.

In the meantime, we are prepared for outdoor visits on both campuses which should be scheduled as we have done with other visits. Essential Caregivers may also continue to visit and, of course, compassionate care visits continue. If you are visiting and show us proof that you are fully vaccinated, and you are visiting an elder who has been fully vaccinated, we will no longer require you to have a rapid test when you come into the building.

As the new regulations come out, we are certain that there will be additional changes and we will communicate those changes with you. Please remember that COVID is not yet a memory. As we do, we ask that you please practice social distancing, wear facemasks and wash your hands thoroughly and frequently. Our infection control practices remain stringent and in place and staff education is ongoing. This is not the time to let down our guard.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Be well,

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