

November 3, 2021

Dear Families and Friends,

I am very glad to inform you all that we are still COVID-free up to this date. Thank you for all the hard work of our staff and understanding of our Residents and families in trying to keep our Home COVID-free. That being said, we currently as a team continue to review our strategies on testing, quarantine policy, visitation policy and use of PPE based on IDPH weekly updates. All direct care staff started to use eye protection/face shields as of 08-23-2021. We still need to maintain the core infection prevention practices such as handwashing, social distancing, source control in the light of keeping our home COVID-free due to the increase of transmission rate in Cook County and surrounding counties. We continue to work with our local health department and strictly follow guidelines to reduce the spread of the virus.

We have scheduled our Booster Vaccine Clinic for November 10th and 11th with IDPH which they will be assisting and coordinating the clinic at the Home under the direction of the Infection Preventionist Nurse.

We will continue to educate our Residents, family members and responsible parties of the risk of exposure in the community when going out for trips and appointments. It is of high importance that family members and Residents call or text only Cindy Deluca at 224-578-2509 for any planned visitations and appointments for purpose of screening and contact tracing. Cindy will be available to schedule appointments from Monday -Thursday from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., for weekend appointments please call by 2 p.m. on Friday. Appointments are scheduled 48 hours in advance. Cindy will not be available to schedule appointments over the weekend. All visitors are to be screened when you come in the building and are to wear face masks and eye protection during visitation. Indoor visitation will continue only in designated areas provided by the Home. Only two visitors are allowed to visit a Resident at the same time. Visitors who fail to comply with our visitation and PPE policy will not be permitted into the building and visitation will be stopped.

Visitors should engage only with the Resident they have arranged to visit. They are not allowed to go to others areas in the Home. Most importantly, anybody who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19, exhibits symptoms is not allowed to enter the Home. If you experience any COVID-19 symptoms after your visit please notify the Home.

God Bless you!

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Administrator