

## WEEKLY UPDATE AND NOTIFICATION OF NEW CASES

## 12/16/2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had <u>48</u> residents and <u>43</u> staff members test positive for COVID-19. All have recovered, with the exception of two employees currently quarantining in their homes. \*November's numbers adjusted due to confirmation from the lab that we had three false-positive residents.

Due to Clark County's positivity rate reaching 21.3%, facility staff will be tested twice weekly until further notice.

**Historical COVID-19 Data for Facility** 

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Month	Positive Residents	Positive Staff
January 2020	0	0
February 2020	0	0
March 2020	3	0
April 2020	40	39
Facility Wide		
Testing		
May 2020	0	0
June 2020	2	0
Facility Wide		
Testing		
July 2020	0	0
August 2020	0	0
September 2020	0	0
October 2020	1	0
November 2020*	1	2
December	1	2

As you have probably heard, the CDC recently announced that healthcare workers and long-term care residents should be among the first group of people to receive the vaccine for COVID-19. We are optimistic this will help stop the spread of this virus in our community. Consents for the vaccines are currently available and while we do not have the exact dates that the vaccines will be administered, we will let you know as soon as that information is available. In the meantime, please continue to do your part in limiting the transmission of COVID-19 by wearing masks, washing your hands and keeping a safe distance from others.

As you know, we have been preparing to safely allow visitors at our facility and we are so excited to for you to see your loved ones. As we previously reported, there are many factors that determine when a facility can open up for visitors, up to and including our county's COVID-19 positivity rate, residents' health status, or if there is a COVID outbreak in the facility.

At this time, we are allowing outdoor visitation only, weather permitting. We will accommodate compassionate visits for our residents who are on Hospice. We will still schedule visits, however, those visits are subject to cancellation pending test results. Visits are by appointment only. Please contact Reception to schedule your visit: 702-382-5580. We are allowing 30-minute visits; visitors will be screened, will be required to wear a mask and keep socially distanced from your loved one. Noncompliance with these basic precautions will result in facility staff terminating the visit.

As always, we are working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 702-382-5580.

Sincerely,

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