



WEEKLY UPDATE

May 29, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

As of today, our facility remains COVID-free. As one of the first facilities in Nevada to have confirmed cases of COVID-19 during the earlier days of the coronavirus pandemic, and as we adjusted our practices to the rapidly growing knowledge surrounding the disease, our staff has worked tirelessly to stop the spread of the virus and keep our residents and staff safe.

We have been in constant communication with our federal, state and local health officials since the onset of this pandemic to identify areas of improvement and to implement the most up-to-date infection prevention and control protocols. Well before there were any mandates for mass testing in nursing facilities, and as part of our efforts to stop the spread of infection in our facility, we tested our entire facility for COVID-19, including all residents, employees and vendors, which totaled over 200 tests. While we were initially disappointed to see an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in our facility, having those results gave us the knowledge and opportunity to work with our health officials and effectively stop the spread of the virus in our facility and get us to where we are today.

There has not been a new confirmed case of COVID-19 at Horizon Health and Rehabilitation Center since April 22nd and the Department of Health cleared our facility from quarantine on May 20th. We look forward to admitting new residents soon and plan on sharing with all of you the steps we are taking to protect our residents and staff from further spread of the virus, such as only allowing essential personnel inside the facility, performing regular screenings for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering the building, continually monitoring residents, performing regular deep cleanings, using PPE as recommended by the CDC, providing individual activities as opposed to group activities, implementing isolation protocols as required, and reminding and encouraging staff 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.

As a reminder, we will continue to post updates on our facility website and we will individually notify representatives/families regarding a resident's condition if he/she tests positive for COVID-19 or is displaying symptoms of COVID-19. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly 702-382-5580.

Sincerely,

Mark Dinardo
Director of Nursing