

# COVID-19 (Week 20) NEWSLETTER

***We continue to be resident COVID-19 free!***

#Break the Chain

"It is during our **darkest** moments that we must focus on the **light.**"

*Aristotle Onassis*



This week's updates are noted below:

- Donations have been received:
  - We have received several donations of cloth masks.
  - **WE CONTINUE TO BE IN NEED OF MORE CLOTH MASKS**
- It is hard to believe that we have been dealing with this issue for almost 4 months. We are all coping in different ways. Many people are feeling additional stress during these trying times. We want you to know that we continue to actively engage people to minimize additional stressors being placed on you/your loved ones.
- Based on the Governor's order, we will be providing testing once again for all of the residents and team members on July 16<sup>th</sup>. This is being provided by the National Guard (VANG) once again. Testing is strongly recommended as part of the various phases for reopening nursing and assisted living facilities.
- We have submitted our attestation to VDH indicating that we have completed all of the components required in Phase 1 for reopening to visitors. Steps are being taken to facilitate accomplishment of the steps required in Phase 2. As stated last week, we do not anticipate any changes with visitation at this time. It is imperative that we move cautiously through each of the phases before moving onto the next phase. We know this is tough on everyone, but we continue to be cautious. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated.
- We have added zipper doors to the rooms on the unit we have designated for COVID. Should we ever get a case, we will be able to completely isolate that/those individual(s). In addition, we have created a protective barrier around those residents with dementia that stay in the dayroom areas and won't wear a mask. This is to ensure that we continue to have protection for them. The barrier is clear,

but prevents other residents from getting too close to them. Just another step to ensure the safety of our residents.

- Thank you for continuing to encourage your loved one to wear a mask. They are doing much better, but the support and direction that you offer aids in ensuring they wear their mask appropriately.
- REMEMBER—Face Timing/Window Visits with your loved one. Many residents have had the opportunity to speak with their loved ones in this manner.
- We continue to have a good stock of PPE.
- Donations of non-perishable food items for our team members are still being accepted.
- Remember, to send our team members a card of thanks. They are truly HEROES and working very hard to keep your loved ones safe.

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding. We appreciate your cooperation with the necessary restrictions. Each day is a new day and we are working toward continued safety for our residents.

All updates are on Facebook and our website.

Future updates will be every other week unless we have pertinent information.

Yours to count on—

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