

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**December 4, 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 47 residents and 40 staff members test positive for COVID-19.

We highly encouraged window visits, door visits, face time and phone calls at this time due to cold temperature.

We are carefully looking at all our options and plans for Christmas to ensure that we have a safe and healthy celebration. Rest assure that whatever we do, the health of your loved ones remains our priority in mind.

In preparation for the upcoming availability of COVID vaccine, we have sent out information and consents by mail this week. Please read the information and if you have any questions; please feel free to call the facility. As you are aware; CDC has given the first priority for the COVID vaccine for residents in the nursing home. Please sign the consent that accompanies the information and return it in the stamped envelope as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 843-537-2060

Sincerely,

Grace Villafranca

Administrator