

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**July 15, 2020**

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as an update on the status of COVID-19 in our facility and what we are doing to keep our residents and staff during this ongoing pandemic. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 28 residents and 29 staff members test positive for COVID-19. We are happy to let you know that our last positive case was on June 30, 2020. We no longer have any residents in our COVID Unit and twenty-seven employees have now returned to work.

As the number of coronavirus cases throughout the country are rapidly changing, we 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 also remember what you can do to help stop community spread of this virus, such as practicing hand hygiene and social distancing, practicing proper cough etiquette, using face masks, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.

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