

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**9/18/20**

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 30 residents and 29 staff members test positive for COVID-19. All of the 29 staff members have since returned to work. Staff are being tested twice a week at this time. Thus far; all tests remained negative. We are also doing the rapid testing on any new admit and re-admitted within 24 hours as part of our continuous vigilant process. Please continue to reach out to your loved ones through Face Times, e-mails and letters and do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need any assistance. We are here for you and your loved ones.

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