

January 14, 2022

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Anticipated Return to New Normal Date: Pending no additional Resident cases of Covid, our projected return to new normal date of Tuesday January 18 is quickly approaching. On this day our clinical floors will be permitted to comingle again. Additionally, the 1st floor dining room and facility organized group activities will resume in the afternoon. While visitation has always been permitted during this outbreak, our recommendation to everyone has been to limit visitation for the safety of our visitors due to uncontrolled spread of Covid within the facility. As of January 18th, we no longer feel that the facility poses a greater risk to our visitors than the general community does as it pertains to Covid. Friendly reminder that all visitors are required to successfully pass the visitation screener prior to entry and are required to wear a surgical mask during the entirety of their visit per governmental regulations.

Positivity rate: Hamilton County's Positivity Rate has increased to 25.25% through the week of 1/4. This is a 6.16% increase over last week's reported positivity rate through 12/28. When the positivity rate is this high, the potential for a facility outbreak is dishearteningly high. The actions people make in their personal lives impact the wellbeing and operations of this facility. We hope that everyone who enters the facility does all that they possibly can to protect themselves from contracting covid-19.

Stimulus Checks and HCJFS: In January 2021, the 2nd round of pandemic stimulus checks were distributed, and facilities were instructed by The Ohio Department of Medicaid that these monies would not be counted as income for 12 months as it pertained to annual resource renewals. Effective February 2022, the liquid asset limit for those with Ohio Medicaid will be reduced to \$3,400 and over resource warning letters will be distributed when RTA accounts at the facility exceed \$3,100. Please also be aware that the resource limits will be reduced again in April pertaining to the 3rd/last stimulus checks.

Vaccine Mandate: Yesterday the Supreme Court deemed the CMS mandate for all healthcare workers in America to be constitutional. The facility is in a great position with an 97% compliance rate which leaves only 3% of our staff in need of action by the federally mandated compliance date in mid-April.

Vaccine Clinic: Our next vaccine clinic will be held on Tuesday January 18th from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. Moderna and Pfizer boosters will be available. Anyone starting a Covid vaccination series will have Moderna administered. Please contact Scot Harmon if you are interested in participating.

As always if you have any questions/comments/concerns please contact me, Scot Harmon (Administrator) or Patricia Clark (CEO).