



Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**-Status:** We continue to have no known cases of Covid-19!

**-Covid-19 Testing:** As of Tuesday, we reached 100% compliance with Covid-19 testing of staff and contract employees. We are happy to report that every test came back negative! This is a huge victory considering the current spike in cases in Hamilton County and the prevalence of asymptomatic carriers. Thank you all for your diligence in keeping our residents and each other healthy during this unprecedented time.

**-Extended Hours:** After some security upgrades to the porch and courtyard, we are excited to announce that access to the porch and courtyard has been extended. Until further notice, Residents will have access to these outdoor spaces from 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM on the days assigned to the floor they reside on.

**-Video chats:** We ask that family/friends be flexible with the start times of scheduled video chats. While we do our best to start on time, there are a number of things which may result in a delay/missed session. Most commonly, a Resident is receiving personal care and to protect the dignity of all who reside here, sessions cannot begin until Nursing has finished completing their tasks. If you unfortunately miss a session, please feel free to contact Heather to reschedule.

**-Blacktop Sealcoating:** Beginning on Thursday, our blacktop areas began a sealcoating treatment. There will be minor inconveniences Friday- Sunday, we request that everyone abide by the areas blocked off by cones. Monday and Wednesday are going to be more complicated. The main parking area in the back will only have half of the parking spots accessible, therefore parking on the street will be required for some. Any family/friends who plan to drop off care packages/laundry will need to be prepared to possibly walk from the road to the back entrance.

**-Outdoor Visitation:** Since the announcement made on Monday, there has been no formal guidance on outdoor visitation for the Long-Term Care setting. We anticipate the guidance will be similar to that for Assisted Living and are working to develop a program that mirrors these requirements which include visitation to be scheduled in advance, time limits on session and a limit number of family participants.

In an effort to begin to prepare everyone mentally for what an outdoor visitation **MAY** look like, reiterating that we are still in the planning stage without any formal guidance from The Ohio Department of Health we anticipate the following to be in place:

- any resident on isolation precautions will not be permitted to participate in outdoor visitation program
- family/friends will need to pass an infection control screening before the session begins
- approximately 40-minute sessions
- anticipate family/friends permitted to be involved will be 2-4 individuals a session
- anticipate no physical contact will be permitted, a plexiglass barrier will be between the parties as an infection control measure
- family/friends will need to bring your own chair (if desired) as an infection control measure

We anticipate many family/friends will want to participate in this expanded visitation program, despite it not being the reunion everyone longs for complete with hugs and kisses. If you could let Heather know how many outdoor visits you anticipate wanting to participate in each month, this would be helpful for planning purposes. Our goal is to develop a successful program within the Ohio Department of Health guidelines which balance the desired involvement of those in the community with what the facility can facilitate in a safe manner.

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