

Help Keep our Residents Safe from COVID-19

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Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

We want to let you know that everyone here is well in regards to COVID-19. We also want to keep you as informed as possible in this ever changing global pandemic.

The new Stay Safe directive from Governor Walz takes initial steps to re-open Minnesota, but the spread of the COVID-19 virus is only anticipated to grow in the weeks ahead. We value the health and safety of our residents and staff and remain committed to taking all precautionary measures to protect them from this virus. Because our residents are at high-risk for COVID-19 infection, federal and state guidelines restrict us from relaxing rules for visiting and other group activities at this time.

We, like you, are anxious for a return to normalcy where visitors are warmly welcomed in our settings and our personal touch of warm smiles and human touch are not masked or guarded. Please understand this is a difficult time for all concerned. We will continue to do all that we can to connect our residents and families in a safe way.

Until we receive further clarification from the state, visitor restrictions remain in place as does requirements for screening and the use of personal protective equipment on all shifts.

Accompanying the Stay Safe directive, Governor Walz has amplified the statewide testing strategy with a focus on nursing homes and assisted living. All staff and residents will be tested for COVID-19 under a directive from Governor Walz. We will share more information with you on testing as soon as we have it. We are working with the Minnesota Department of Health on how this process will work and when it will happen.

We respectfully ask that as businesses and other public spaces re-open in Minnesota that you personally continue to practice safe infection control measures. We encourage you to wear a facemask in public settings for source control and practice meticulous hand hygiene.

Stay Safe and Well!

Sincerely,

Mark Rust, Administrator

Kendra Hiles, Director of Nursing