

ALL STAFF/FAMILIES/RESIDENT ALERT:

We have received the final results of our facility wide testing from Monday 10/12/20. We are so humbled to report we have ***no new confirmed cases of COVID-19***. We continue to monitor closely for symptoms, at this time, and test residents who show symptoms immediately using our rapid testing machine. The staff that tested positive has now returned to work and is doing well. We continue to monitor our positive residents/tenants, and if all goes well, they will also be off precautions by the end of the week.

We also know that we are not free of concern related to this virus. COVID-19 has been known to show up in people up to 14 days after exposure. Please know that we are taking all precautions to stop the spread of this virus and continue to follow meticulous infection control measures. We will continue to test all staff/residents and tenants weekly at this time. After 2 rounds of all negatives we will convert back to testing only staff on a weekly basis.

Per guidelines our beauty shop remains closed at this time and we are not doing any group activities. Activities that continue include: manicures, hallway Bingo, walks and 1:1 visits. We are also broadcasting live entertainment, worship, devotions and movies over our facility wide TV channel (991). At this time residents/tenants continue to eat in their rooms. Many families are enjoying time doing Zoom calls or video chats with their loved ones. If you wish to schedule a video visit, please contact Lyn in Activities at 320-833-5364 ext. 36

We are working with several teams from the Minnesota Department of Health and continue to follow their guidance and recommendations.

At this time, we are ***slowly*** resuming essential care visits, and we will be contacting you to let you know if you are allowed to come for an in-person visit. In order to be able to maintain these visits it is extremely important that everyone follow the safety guidelines. These include: scheduling the visit in advance, wearing the appropriate PPE at all times, entering door #13 and be screened, traveling straight to the resident's room/apartment and exiting straight out door #13. Also be sure to sign out when you leave and have the resident/tenant you are visiting wear a mask during your visit.

We are working through new guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health related to indoor visits for *anyone* who wishes to schedule a visit. These visits will take place in our new community room. This room will have additional safety precautions, including added exhaust ventilation. For the indoor visits you will be entering the new front entry on Yellowstone Trail. You will be required to wear a blue surgical mask and then be screened in by a staff member. Please watch our website to sign up for these visits www.blhcc.org. Window visits continue to be encouraged, at this time, the window should remain closed.

Also be sure to like us on Facebook for updates, photos and notifications.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. We will continue to provide you with weekly updates and you will be notified directly if you or your loved one have tested positive.

Sincerely,

Mark Rust Administrator

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