



In accordance with the requirements of the Interim Final Rule published by Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in the Federal Register on May 8, 2020, residents, their representatives and families are advised if there has been an occurrence of COVID-19 as well as three or more residents or staff with new-onset respiratory symptoms occurring within the past 72 hours. There is one (1) COVID-19 case at this time. There are no residents who are showing an onset of respiratory symptoms.

We continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Department of Health (DOH), and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). We have taken the following steps to mitigate, prevent or reduce the risk of transmission, including altering normal operations:

Restricted visitation from prohibiting all non-essential visitors from entering into the facility.

Team members/essential visitors are screened for signs and symptoms upon entering and exiting the building each and every day.

Additional training for staff members regarding infection control practices.

Team members/essential visitors are limited to one entrance to control all traffic into the community. Everyone is required to thoroughly wash or sanitize hands and wear a facemask before entering the community.

Dining areas and non-medical resident outings and other social events are ALL postponed. Individualized activities and ones that promote social distancing will continue.

Increasing specialized infection control cleaning to sanitize the community in addition to the environmental staff cleaning daily duties.

Any resident leaving and returning to the community is screened and is quarantined for 14-days even if they do not exhibit symptoms of the virus.

Staff are equipped with all appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

All team members are required to maintain social distancing when not assisting with resident care.

Utilization of CMS waiver program to train additional nursing assistants

In addition to the above, please note that residents, their families and team members are provided with routine updates about COVID-19. The community is offering residents and families one-on-one assistance with FaceTime and Skype videoconferencing. Activities programs continue to be creative while honoring social distancing.