September 18, 2020

Dear Residents, Families, and Caregivers,

We are doing our best to assure your loved ones are receiving the services and care while maintaining the required restrictions imposed by CMS and Department of Health as part of the reopening plan. We strive daily to provide the very best in care. We continue to monitor COVID-19 cases within our county and emphasize infection control procedures. We are wearing N95 masks and full PPE at this time. The safety of our residents and staff is our priority. We are working with the Department of Health on follow-up measures. Our residents (once per shift) and staff members are monitored for signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 daily upon coming and leaving the facility. Currently in Indiana County there are a total of 596 confirmed cases with 12 deaths reported as of 9/16. The overall rate is 5.7. Our county is now Yellow due to the increased number of positive tests accounting for the return of College Students and Facility wide testing in all Long Term Care Facilities.

Number of	RESIDENT IMPACT 5/15 to 9/16/2020
cases	
1	ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19
2	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
0	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location
0	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

Today we learned an admission was positive for Covid 19, although asymptomatic (without symptoms). The Red Zone was again erected. We had discontinued all meals in the main dining room due to implementation of the Yellow Zones on the 200 and 300 units. Residents not at high risk are receiving meals in their rooms or in their doorways on the units. We are assuring high risk residents are receiving extra care and monitoring with meals. Activities are by unit only and no group activities are permitted at this time. We are continuing tele visits and phone calls for our Residents.

Fresh Air Visits remain on hold due to facility wide Covid 19 testing resulting in six staff testing positive and two positive residents over the past week. Employees involved must be in a ten-day guarantine in their home. Residents positive are placed in a Red Zone for ten days of isolation. We are sending our tests to a lab in California called Prognostics. The tests are immediately processed when received and we are called/emailed the results. Benevolent Visits are being re-evaluated due to new regulatory guidance citing two or more significant health changes for those with serious declines. The Pennsylvania Department of Health has clarified the requirements for a Benevolent Visit (Compassionate caregiving). The family member MUST have a negative Covid 19 test result seven days before initiating a visit, which they must arrange and pay for. A copy must be provided to the facility prior to visiting. Visits are two hours a day and limited to two visitors per resident. We are doing our best to inform you of any health issues or condition changes with your loved one. Things can change as issues arise with our Re-opening Plan regarding visiting for the safety of your love ones. We are at phase one due to the testing results. We will be required to test all residents and staff weekly until there are no positive results for TWO weeks. We continue to follow all Department of Health and CMS guidelines to keep your loved ones safe!

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