

**Communities at Indian Haven**  
**1675 Saltsburg Avenue**  
**Indiana, PA 15701**  
**October 2, 2020**

**Dear Friends and Families, Caregivers, Residents,**

Thank you for your continued support through the COVID-19 pandemic. Our main goal remains to provide high-quality care and to keep your loved ones safe.

Our guidance from state and federal governing bodies continues to change rapidly. We are continuing to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Health guidelines with regard to infection control policies and procedures for prevention and mitigation of COVID-19.

In September, the Pennsylvania Department of Health installed new nursing home staff testing protocols in response to a recent update from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Any county in the Yellow or Red phase must test visitors. Indiana County has 740 cases with 12 deaths. Currently, our county is in the Yellow Phase at 9.1%, which means:

- Counties with test positivity rate of 5.0%-10.0% are in the Yellow Phase.
  - Routine testing of asymptomatic residents is encouraged of all residents with outside contact in the past **14 days**, if they have not otherwise been tested during that period.
  - Routine testing of asymptomatic staff is recommended once a week.

Test positivity is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent before classifying.

In addition, the state has revised recommendations for routine screening for skilled nursing facilities and safe access for Compassionate Caregivers. For more information, please visit the DOH website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Guidance/SNF-Guidance.aspx>

Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020 through October 1, 2020):

Number of cases	
0	ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19
0	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.

We encourage staff to maintain social distancing, use caution when attending gatherings, wear a mask and practice hand hygiene while at work and home. We will be providing flu vaccines for both the Residents and Staff this month.

Please make sure you label ALL your loved one's laundry with a **first and last name**. Laundry Markers must be used. They can be purchased at Walmart. Sharpie permanent markers will only last a few washes. We have many unclaimed clothing items. With the cooler temperatures, you may wish to change out your loved one's wardrobe. We do not have storage space for other clothing, so please plan to take them.

Continue to schedule your window visits and facetime visits. Please call us prior to coming for the window visit so we can make sure your loved one is by the window and the blind is up. Facetime visits are scheduled with the Activity Department. Keep us up to date with your emails and changes in phone number!

Thank you for entrusting us to care for your loved ones. If you have any questions, we are always available for you. 724-465-3900

Happy Fall!

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