

## October 16, 2020

## **Communities at Indian Haven**

## Dear Friends and families, Residents and Caregivers,

We 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. We received a new memorandum from The Pennsylvania Department of Health on October 12<sup>th</sup> to be consistent with CMS and PA-HANs. It relates to resident outings for appointments, cohorting, screening and visitation. The requirements have changed and we are in the process of developing policies and procedures to meet them. Some types of visits will require a negative covid 19 test which can be obtained at CVS, Rite Aide and Med Express.

We are currently experiencing an outbreak at the facility, which is defined as Positive Resident/Positive staff tests. We continue with weekly covid 19 testing of Residents and Staffs. We must have NO positive Covid 19 tests for TWO weeks to proceed with any changes in visitation. All Residents are screened each shift including a full set of vital signs. All Staff are screened with temperature checks and questionnaire prior to entering any Resident Care area or department.

We are continuing our window visits, Zoom and telephone calls at the facility. Your loved ones appreciate your cards, letters and special packages. Items can be dropped off at the rear entrance for them, as well. We have initiated a sign in sheet for items to assure they are delivered to the right person and they are aware of who dropped them off. Check out our Facebook page and our website for post of your loved ones.

On September 29, 2020, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced updated methodology to determine the rate of COVID-19 positivity in counties. Total cases in Indiana County is 906 with 14 deaths reported.

- Green Zone counties are now those with 20 or fewer tests for more than 14 days.
- Some Red Zone counties will move to Yellow Zone due to the policy changes. These are counties with both fewer than 500 tests and fewer than 2,000 tests per 100,000 residents, and a greater-than 10 percent positivity for 14 days.

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

Number of	
cases	
0	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.

We encourage staff to maintain social distancing, use caution when attending gatherings, wear a mask and practice hand hygiene while at work and home.

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

Until we can be Together Again,

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