## April 23, 2021

## **Communities at Indian Haven**

## Dear Friends, Families, Residents and Caregivers,

We are proud to note that our COVID-19 vaccination rate is among the best for health facilities in our area and continue to encourage vaccinations by the general population in a quest for overall herd immunity, which experts place at 70-to-80 percent of the United States population. Due to our county rate, we are testing weekly. No new cases have occurred in the facility. Total county covid positive cases are at 5,813 and 165 deaths.

Our current vaccination rate for Residents is 90% and Staff is at 80%. We continue to work with IRMC to obtain vaccines for both Residents and Staffs. This week, anyone over the age of 16 is eligible for the vaccine. Appointments can be made on line for the vaccine at IRMC. Diamond Pharmacy is also working with us to provide vaccines as needed for new admissions.

<u>CMS recommendations</u> provide criteria for responsible indoor visitation. We are continuing visits in the front area using our screen and social distancing as well as wearing of masks, by appointment during the week. We continue to assure compassionate caregiver visits and assure families are notified of condition changes with our Hospice Residents. You may contact the facility at 724-465-3900 to schedule a visit. We continue with window visits, as well as facetime and phone calls to maintain a connection with you. We hope that this will change with more and more people getting the vaccine. Your loved ones safety is our top priority.

When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, a facility must immediately begin outbreak testing and suspend all visitation (except for visitation required under federal disability rights law), until at least one round of facility-wide testing is completed.

Regarding our visitation policy, we are monitoring the county's positivity rates and, in the event of any new positive results, modified visitation restrictions will be implemented and there will be immediate notifications of changes to visitation schedules. Guidance from <u>Centers for Disease Control (CDC)</u>, <u>Department of Health (DOH)</u> and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be followed.

Number of<br/>cases18ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized<br/>and treated for COVID-190CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-190SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-1958TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location28COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19who died in the facility or another location.

Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020, through April 22, 2021):

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. We continue to do our best to assure your loved ones are cared for and respected!

Let's look for the Rainbow!

Kim Cobaugh NHA and Your Communities at Indian Haven Family