



February 25, 2021

Dear Family Member,

As you may know, the Governor and the NY State Department of Health are easing restrictions somewhat on allowing in-person visitation in nursing homes. This is not a simple open visitation process. There are a number of restrictions that remain in place including the number of individuals who can visit. Facilities will still need to be free of any new COVID positive cases for 14 days before allowing visitation. If at any time we receive a positive case, visitation will be paused. In addition, visitors must present a negative COVID test within 72 hours of their visit. Although, the Extended Care Facility is not offering COVID testing for visitors, you may have your physician order a test at the Oneida Health COVID testing clinic, or contact your local health department for testing near you.

This week we have had no new positive COVID cases. As long as we continue to have no new cases, we are anticipating to resume in-person visitation beginning next Tuesday. As we have required in the past, all visits will need to be pre-scheduled through our Activity Department by calling (315) 361-6000 ext. 8313. I have included a revised copy of our Visitor Response Plan which can also be found on our website at www.Oneidahealth.org. Please take time to review the changes from our previous plan.

Even though the majority of our residents have been vaccinated, these precautions remain important and will be followed by our organization for the foreseeable future. I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Fortunato Scerbo III

Administrator