

June 17, 2021

Dear Family Member,

As follow-up to our recent positive COVID case in our facility, our staff and residents continue to be routinely tested. I want you to know that as of today there have been no further positive cases. We are now half way through our fourteen day isolation of the one nursing unit.

New York State Department of Health has recently released new guidance to nursing homes. As long as a facility is not in an outbreak status, employees who are fully vaccinated will no longer be required to be COVID tested twice a week. As a reminder, only one positive employee or resident is needed for a facility to meet the NY State definition of an outbreak. If anyone is symptomatic, we will be required to test the individual. At any time in the future we identify someone as being positive, all employees will have to resume testing regardless of their vaccination status until the end of the outbreak. I am hoping that this will be an encouragement to those who have declined vaccination thus far. We continue to encourage all unvaccinated residents and employees to get the vaccine. We have had more people willing to be vaccinated.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,

Fortunato Scerbo III

Administrator