

May 29, 2020

Dear Family Member,

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. Although it seems summer is here, we continue to be vigilant in our prevention of COVID-19 in our facility. I just wanted to update you on a couple things. Last week we began COVID-19 testing of all ECF staff and this week we began our second round of testing. All staff working 3 or less days per week are required to get tested once a week and staff working four or more days are required to be tested twice per week. I am pleased to be able to report that as of today, we have successfully tested all employees identified as working in the ECF and all have tested negative.

We are beginning to allow our residents to enjoy the outdoors more regularly. Our staff are assisting a couple residents at a time to sit outside and get some fresh air. We are continuing to encourage them to social distance from each other and encourage handwashing and use of face masks when out and about in the facility. What has helped us remain a safe place is that all staff continue to wear surgical masks and face shields to ensure everyone is protected.

I know many of you change out wardrobes with the seasonal change. We would encourage you to arrange with your nursing unit or social services to be able to bring in summer clothing in exchange for winter clothing. Of course we ask that we properly label clothing to prevent it from getting misplaced when laundered.

Again, I want to thank you for your continued support and especially your prayers for all our residents and staff.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

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