



January 8, 2021

Dear Resident/Resident Representatives,

Welcome to 2021! I hope that this year finds you safe and healthy. I wanted to take a moment to update you regarding the status of COVID-19 in the building. During our routine surveillance testing this week we had 1 additional staff member test positive bringing our staff total for this outbreak to 5. Four of these employees have recovered and are able to return to full duty. This employee is a direct care staff member and due to the potential for exposure the residents residing on 1 west have been placed on transmission-based precautions.

As part of our outbreak response with the direct care staff member testing positive we will test 100% of our residents and will continue to test weekly until we have no positive residents or staff for a 14-day period as per NJ Department of Health guidelines. Due to the high positivity rate in Warren County, we are testing employees twice weekly until further notice. This testing does not take away from our per shift screening of all Staff and Residents for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, but this combined effort helps us in securing our residents safety now and in the days that follow.

I am very excited to let you know that on Tuesday, January 5th was our first Vaccination Clinic; this first round of vaccinations for Residents and Staff is our first step on the path to the new normal. Our second vaccination clinic is scheduled for

Tuesday, January 26, 2021. If you have not yet started the vaccination process you still have the opportunity at our next clinic. Please check out our Facebook page for pictures of our residents and staff celebrating this moment in history.

We will continue to take all necessary precautions after the vaccine is administered, including wearing personal protective equipment and conducting regular testing, to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. We will also work with public health officials to determine how and when to adjust our policies for visitations and social activities and keep you updated.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are hopeful that the vaccine will be a lifesaving turning point in the fight against COVID-19. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. You may also visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines to learn more about the vaccine.

Sincerely,

Janet Mahoney, LNHA
Administrator