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## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**September 4, 2020**

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 40 residents and 21 staff members test positive for COVID-19. Weekly testing of all residents and staff began this week.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we reported that there were 8 new confirmed cases of coronavirus, which was an error on our part. In fact, ten residents tested positive at the facility, and 1 tested positive at the hospital. Nine residents are currently recovering in the facility, most are asymptomatic. Three staff members tested positive this week, and they are isolating at home until CDC guidance allows their safe return. I apologize for any confusion and appreciate your understanding that we are continually testing residents and staff as required and receiving results at all times of the day and evening. Please let me know if you have any questions about these test results and numbers.

We will conduct the next round of testing on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

As always, we are working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 713.477.7877.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Stephens*

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Administrator