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Blessings to everyone as we celebrate Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

As we review the campus this week, please keep in mind that all of our discussions regarding positive Covid-19 concerns are occurring with UNVACCINATED co-workers. Unfortunately, in the past week we have seen several co-workers test positive for Covid.

We have not identified any concerns with those residents and staff who are vaccinated. Please continue to be cautious and follow infection control practices, this includes wearing your mask, social distancing and constant hand hygiene. This practice will continue to be expected when in our community center or in any group setting on the campus. We are not out of the woods yet, so please remain vigilant in the coming months until enough people are vaccinated to result in herd immunity. Now we sit back and wait for the rest of the country to be vaccinated.

If you are vaccinated: (remember only approx. 15% of the US population is vaccinated at this time, so off campus exposures are very high).

- Continue core infection control measures of prevention when with unvaccinated persons. Limit groups, always wear a good fitting mask and social distancing.
- Visit other vaccinated people (indoors or outdoors). IF everyone is vaccinated, masks can be optional.
- Keep physical distanced in public, wear a mask, and good handwashing.
- Get tested if you feel ill/have symptoms.

The positivity rate for York County is increasing significantly from 6.9% to 9.3%. If we exceed 10% then all visitation should be lessened/restricted and monitored very closely.

Independent Living (IL)

We currently do not have any active Covid-19 concerns with our Independent Living residents. We did identify through our routine antigen testing this morning that our beautician that worked in the Community Center yesterday has tested presumptive positive. Of course, everyone had masks on during any contact. We will be PCR testing and have completed contact tracing and notified any resident with possible contact. If you are fully vaccinated, and exposed to a positive Covid person, you do not need to quarantine. You just monitor for symptoms and if you begin with any symptoms let us know



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and we will test you. Please have faith in the vaccine. It is very successful and research shows it is 90% effective in preventing any transmission.

We continue with our current campus restrictions:

- **Windows Dining room is open with a 50% capacity. This is going very well. Please continue to social distance and wear a mask when you are not seated and eating. Curb side pick-up and Delivery is avail. Fireside dining room also has Take-out and Delivery. We are happy to see more people enjoying Windows dining room. We plan to re-start all meal delivery fees effective April 1st. This will be 7 days a week from fireside and Windows. April 4th we plan to increase our capacity to 75% per Governor Wolf's guidance.**
- **Church service in the Omni continues every Sunday at 8:30am with limited attendance. (25). Please call receptionist to sign up. Masks and social distancing will be required.**
- **Fitness Center and pool are open (please make an appointment)**

Personal Care We currently **do not** have any PC residents with Covid concerns, however two unvaccinated staff did test positive after exposures outside of work. One employee has not worked and is no risk to our campus. Another employee did work in dietary (terrace living) and had very low risk exposures to any residents. All staff and residents were tested and no concerns were identified. Terrace Living was closed until all testing was completed and since no concerns were identified, we were able to re-open.

Health Care: Unfortunately we do have two unvaccinated staff who tested positive for Covid-19 during routine testing. Contact tracing was completed, all residents and staff were tested and no transmission has been identified. However, anytime we have one positive staff or resident, it puts us into an "outbreak" status and we must immediately pause all programs and visitation while we test all staff and residents every 3-5 days until everyone remains negative X 14 days. So far, no further concerns have been identified.

The Centers for Medicare Services (CMS) issued guidance that facilities can allow indoor visitation for all residents (regardless of vaccination status), except for a few circumstances when visitation should be limited due to a high risk of COVID-19 transmission. *Note: compassionate care visits are permitted at all times.*

CMS notes that outdoor visitation is still preferred when practical, and that facilities should continue to practice the core principles of COVID-19 infection control, including physical distancing and masking. In addition, CMS provides specific guidance on conducting visitation during an outbreak.

We are working to adjust our visitation policies and begin providing safe visits outdoors when possible or indoors in our neutral zones. Contact is acceptable if the resident is fully vaccinated.

The positivity rate for York County is increasing and a serious concern for our campus. Over the last few weeks that pattern has been 6.3% -6.9%-9.3%.



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Please follow the screening guidelines for entering the community center, entering the dining room and attending programs. This is necessary to keep our gatherings safe. You do not need to be screened if you are just obtaining mail.

Fun Fact: Covid-19 Breathalyzer. New research that is being done.

Other campus info:

-Marketing will be starting to show the campus to prospective residents. They will be screening/SD/masks.

-Fire alarms in the community center last Thurs was related to a roof top unit motor damage. A one call was sent, however we found that it did not go out to all identified residents and we have corrected the error in the program. We will continue to do one call messages when fire alarms sound.

We would like to do some fire education and a fire drill in May or June for the community center. So stay tuned.

-Starting April 1st (Thursday): Cottage residents can pick up their mail inside the Town Hall **building (at designated times)** by going to the mailboxes and then immediately exiting the building. No one should have contact with any residents or staff. You do not need screened. Times: 9am-10am and 6:30pm-8:30pm daily. We will no longer deliver mail. Families can come to the door and the receptionist will bring the mail to them at the door, they should not enter the building at this time.

-Please be respectful and pick up your dog's wastes. With the grounds crew starting to mow, this will be very important.

-We will only be doing essential transports off campus due to the increased positivity rate.

Blessings,

Karen Coleman, Executive Director