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Dear Residents, Families and Co-workers,

Campus Update

Greetings to our campus and families.

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather. It's hard to believe it's the first day of October. This week our York County positivity rate is 12.99%. This rate is continuing to rise and this high positivity rate along with the rising hospitalization rates continues to be very concerning for our campus and the Hanover community.

The following is a brief update of the COVID status and reopening plans for each of our levels of care on our Hanover Homewood campus.

Independent Living (IL)

At this time we do not have any positive Covid -19 concerns on the campus, however please continue to heighten your awareness and again use masks and social distancing when indoors. Visitors/group gatherings on and off campus and travel seem to be the high risk areas that we are hearing about on our campus. If you are traveling, please take precautions when indoors and wear a mask/social distance. We can assist with testing for Covid-19 if your physician orders it. We are noticing some limits to lab supplies. Please follow the CDC recommendation to wear a mask when indoors such as in the Community Center.

Remember, we are seeing breakthrough positive Covid cases in vaccinated persons, however we are not seeing hospitalizations in these persons. 98% of our IL residents are vaccinated and this number is actually climbing as more people are receiving the vaccine. This is absolutely wonderful.

We are preparing to give the Pfizer Covid booster vaccine over the next few weeks and we will also be ready to provide the Moderna vaccine if/when the FDA approves the booster dose. If you received the Pfizer 2-dose vaccine at least six months ago and would like to receive the booster, please let Dee Loughlin know (717-646-3787).

Personal Care

We do not have any Covid-19 concerns in Personal Care at this time. Our residents are enjoying programs/dining/visitors and activities. We are preparing for the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine boosters to be given to our Personal Care residents if they are interested. The guidance is that you must have received the Pfizer 1st and 2nd dose six months ago or longer. Brockie Pharmatech will be providing the vaccine clinics early in October. At this time 99% of residents are fully vaccinated.

Health Care Center

We did identify one positive employee on Care Central this week through symptom testing. A thorough contact tracing revealed no close contact with any residents so we do not need to close the units or limit visitation.

We have received new guidance from the Department of Health that allows us to complete thorough contact tracing and identify only those residents or staff with known close contacts to a positive Covid person, then only those with close contact would be placed in an isolation and testing situation. This will likely result in less unit closures with visitor restrictions. In the event that a thorough contact tracing cannot be completed, we would need to take the Broader approach which is similar to our practice which involved full unit closures and testing.

100% of our current Healthcare residents are fully vaccinated. This give great protection to our residents!

Once again we would like to **Thank You** for your understanding and support during these times. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns as we navigate together through this pandemic experience.

Blessings,

Karen Coleman, NHA

Executive Director