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Dear Residents, Families and Co-workers,

I hope everyone is feeling healthy and safe during this upcoming Thanksgiving week. Many will be reflecting and giving Thanks for our many blessings. This year has been a very challenging year for so many, and I would like to express my sincere "Thanks" to the staff and residents of this campus who have worked very hard to stay safe and be strong to conquer this pandemic. We are..... #HomewoodStrong.

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

#### ***Health Care Center***

We are happy to report that all of our Covid residents have all recovered and the unit will likely be closed after this weekend. The Covid unit will remain ready in case our campus residents would need Covid support and care.

I am happy to share that all of Care Central's staff's weekly (Monday) Covid testing revealed negative results. Care South's weekly staff testing was completed on Monday and revealed all negative results. However, as a reminder, a Care South employee with symptoms was antigen tested on Thursday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> and was positive. This positive staff requires us to start testing our Care South residents who have not had a diagnosis of Covid. These Care South residents were tested on Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and all the results were negative. We will test these Care South residents again next Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> to ensure we are clear of any Covid concerns for 14 days.

We continue to provide additional visitation options for all "green zone" residents on Care South and Care Central. "Green zone" residents are those who have recovered from Covid within 90 days or have not had any exposures to anyone with Covid.

This includes Neutral Zone visits. These visits are provided in a designated area either outside (open to air without a plexiglass barrier) or at an established indoor area which is clearly marked for social distancing. These areas will be accessed by the visitor(s) directly inside an exterior door with no access to the rest of the building. These visits do not allow contact and up to two visitors are permitted at a time. Visitors should not be from "hot spot" states and should be free from any infections.

Virtual visits/calls, window visits, and Plexiglas visits also are available. Please contact Karen Baranauskas at 717-637-4166 and we will assist you to set up a visit. All visits require an appointment.



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### ***Personal Care***

I am very happy to report that we continue to have **NO** positive cases with our personal care residents. Through symptom testing this week we did identify one dietary worker who tested positive for Covid. This employee is recovering at home. Contact tracing shows little to low risk exposures to our residents, however with this positive result, we have tested all Terrace Living and Memory Lane residents. Our monthly testing was completed on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> for all personal care staff per the Dept. of Human Services' recommendation. Our next testing for all PC staff is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We continue with our established re-opening plans.

### ***Independent Living (IL)***

Our most recent IL Covid positive resident has recovered and will transition off the Covid unit after the weekend. Since Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> we have identified five staff who have tested positive for Covid in our IL area. Two have recovered and returned to work, while three remain home under quarantine. A thorough contact tracing was completed and any exposed residents have been contacted and have been testing weekly for Covid. All of our resident testing has revealed Negative results.

The IL reopening plan has also been updated and is on our Homewood website for review. Our community center is now open for our campus residents, however please limit visitors due to the extreme risk from the outside community. Please screen any visitor carefully for symptoms or recent exposures.

Please continue to be safe over the coming weeks as the state and county are seeing surges in Covid rates. Please see the attached informative message regarding Covid and the upcoming holidays.

Blessings during this Thanksgiving Holiday.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Karen Coleman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Coleman  
Executive Director