

October 6, 2020

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you on this beautiful autumn day. I write today to update you on the current status of COVID-19 results and precautions in our Home. When I last wrote you on Sept 21, we had one contract employee who had tested positive and was asymptomatic. We immediately tested all Residents and staff, and all had negative results. In compliance with the CDC guidance and complete precaution, we waited 7 days and retested Residents and staff a second time, again with all negative results. We are at the end of our 14 days quarantine window and retested all Residents again yesterday to make sure all are safe after the 14-day incubation period. We also retested staff yesterday, and continue with weekly testing from here forward for surveillance.

Upon receiving results, and if all Residents are still negative, we will immediately resume outdoor family visits and internally open things up for Residents to end their in-room quarantines. The weather this coming week is forecasted to be warmer and we encourage outdoor family visitations (to be scheduled with our Social Worker).

The DHSS/CDC guidance for indoor visits is also changing with an emphasis to re-unite residents and families in a safe manner indoors, particularly with colder weather coming. We have made modifications in our first-floor mall area to accommodate these allowances. However, we must continually weigh the positivity rate of the outside community, especially Jackson County, to determine the safety and practicality of when to open for indoor visits. We will keep you informed of when we are ready, but please know we have plans and preparation in place.

Again, we know that the Lord is with us and will continue to guide us. We count on your prayers. Our prayers are with you and your family.

God bless you and keep well and stay safe.

Mother Margaret