

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**January 8, 2021**

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 seventy residents and twenty-nine staff members test positive for COVID-19.

We will be conducting our second COVID 19 vaccination clinic with Walgreens on January 20,2021.

Residents and staff, who were vaccinated on December 30,2020, will be receiving their second dose on that date.

If your family member did not participate in our initial vaccination clinic, we still have plenty of room to accommodate them in our January clinic. Nursing home residents and staff were prioritized to be among the first to receive the vaccination. We highly encourage you to consider this vaccination for your family member. Nursing management staff are available to answer any questions you may have about the vaccine. We can also provide you with clinical resource materials about the vaccine. Our final clinic will be on February 10, 2021. This clinic will focus on only providing the second dose to those individuals who received their first dose in January.

Our Washoe county positivity rate is currently at 20.9 %. The high level precludes any visitation at the present time. We continue to offer facetime and welcome window visits in the interim. The high positivity rate also requires us to continue all staff members on a twice weekly basis.

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 775- 829-7220.

Sincerely,

*Ellen Kelly*

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