Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some very positive news from our campus. Recently, the PA Department of Health issued guidance on reopening efforts for skilled nursing and personal care facilities. The guidance entails a three-step reopening plan whereby we would safely phase in visitation on a limited basis once we enter step two of the plan. We can also allow for some smaller group activities and communal dining for our residents once again. Reopening will not mean “business as usual”. There will be limitations including maintaining social distancing requirements and continued use of personal protective equipment.

Before we can implement the reopening plan, we must first complete mandatory COVID-19 baseline testing of all of our staff and residents. Our testing is occurring this week. Once testing is complete, if all tests come back negative, we can begin implementation of the reopening plan. Each step of the plan, at a minimum, will extend for a two-week time period before being able to safely enter into the next step. Advancing from step to step will continue to require that we maintain a COVID-19 free status. Any case of COVID-19 among residents or staff would mean a reversal in reopening efforts. We are working out all of the details following state recommendations and working closely with our Infection Prevention & Control team to ensure that we do this properly and maintain resident and staff safety. Upon completion, a detailed reopening plan may be found on our website.

You can expect to hear from us very soon regarding the plan to safely accommodate limited visitation. Visitation will initially occur outside in designated areas with an alternate area designated for inclement weather. The visitation will be scheduled through our Activities Department.

Thank you for the continued support and understanding. I know this has been a very difficult time. We anticipate in the mid to latter part of August, if all continues to go well, that we can begin scheduling some visitation. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me at 570-655-2891 ext. 5236.

Sincerely,

Danielle Janeski

Executive Director