

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 9, 2020

TO: RESIDENTS & FAMILIES

FROM: DANIELLE JANESKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: WESLEY VILLAGE COVID-19 FREE & FUTURE PLANNING FOR LIFTING RESTRICTIONS

Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some very positive news from our campus. We recently conducted mandatory COVID-19 baseline testing of all of our residents and staff in our Partridge-Tippett Nursing Facility. I am pleased to announce that all of our testing has come back negative and we remain COVID-19 free in our nursing center. Our staff has been working very hard to accomplish this and resident safety remains the number one priority.

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.

Because our nursing facility has completed the mandatory testing and there were no cases of COVID-19, we can begin planning for implementation of the three-step 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.

Per the PA Department of Human Services, plans are underway to conduct the same baseline testing for our staff and personal care residents in Anderson Personal Care and Myers Manor. We will also be implementing the same three-step reopening plan, which will begin with implementation of COVID-19 baseline testing.

Thank you for the continued support and understanding. I know this has been a very difficult time. We anticipate in the latter part of July, if all continues to go well, 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