



Thursday, November 26, 2020

Good Morning and Happy Thanksgiving,

I wanted to again give you all an update regarding our Home and COVID-19. Earlier in the week we completed rapid tests on all the nursing Residents. We had 4 Residents test positive on those rapid tests. We immediately put them into strict isolation, repeated the tests and sent them to UC Lab. We are required to verify a rapid test with a PCR test that is sent out to the lab to ensure the person is truly positive. We cannot move the Residents until we receive confirmation of the positive test. We have received confirmation from the lab that 3 of those 4 Residents are indeed positive. All three of those Residents have been moved to the Nest. We are awaiting the results for the 4th Resident, and that Resident remains in isolation in her private room.

Please be aware that we have been proactive and are doing everything possible to stop the spread of the virus. All Residents remain quarantined in their rooms, additional training has been provided to all staff and new Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been distributed to all staff. All staff are wearing N95 masks, goggles and/or face shields and are wearing gowns and gloves when necessary. Our staff is continuing to follow all Department of Health and CDC recommendations/regulations for infection control.

We will be testing all staff again tomorrow, and plan on testing all Residents again on Monday. We are in the process of expanding the Nest. We need to have rooms available if we have additional Residents test positive. Some of you have been contacted about Residents moving rooms to allow for the expansion of the nest; we thank you for your cooperation. We have some busy days ahead, but please be assured that the staff is doing an excellent job with the Residents. Being quarantined to your room is not enjoyable for anyone, but we are trying to make the best of it for the Residents.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Thanks,
Mother Marie Edward & Jenny Nijak, Administrator