



COVID-19 Update – NO New Cases & Proactive Planning May 8, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

I am happy to report to you that we have had no new positive cases of COVID-19 in the past week. Of the three positive employee cases we did have, two of those have been away from Oak Hill for more than two weeks which is beyond the time frame when symptoms should have appeared if others were infected by them. The third case has been away from Oak Hill 12 days. *At this time we have no residents with signs and symptoms of COVID-19.*

We continue to monitor resident vital signs three times a day including measuring the oxygen saturation through the use of a pulse oximeter. Staff continue to be closely monitored and are referred to the Monroe County Health Department if any symptoms are present.

An area has been prepared at Oak Hill for any residents that may become infected with COVID-19. This area would provide a space for those with the virus that would be completely separate from those without the virus. A separate staff would be used in this area that would not have exposure to the rest of the residents and facility. This is a proactive measure only and we hope to never need this area but want to be prepared if any residents do become infected. We are taking some admissions on Evergreen Pointe that are being screened very closely. We are not accepting new admissions infected with COVID-19.

We all are anxious to return to a sense of normalcy but doing so must not put our residents at risk. Dining together, enjoying group activities, visiting the hair salon and welcoming visitors are all things we miss. Those that live at Oak Hill however remain our most vulnerable population during this ongoing pandemic. Decisions to reopen and relax social distancing efforts must be made with great caution. We will continue to work with the local health department as well as IDPH and CMS to determine when these guidelines will be relaxed. We have been told that we will be the last to open to visitors due to those at Oak Hill who are the most at risk of serious illness from COVID-19.

Until that time when we can return to a sense of normalcy, we encourage you to reach out to your family through telephone calls, facetime and window visits. If you need any help connecting with your family, please contact the activity department.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 618-939-3488, ext. 1122.

Sincerely,

Kim Keckritz
Administrator