



COVID-19 Update
All Residents Have Tested Negative
June 26, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

Oak Hill is completing the second round of staff COVID-19 testing today. These results should be returned to us from the Health Department by Wednesday, July 1st. Based on those results, Oak Hill may begin preparing for the next phase of COVID progression.

The largest benefit in preparing for the next “phase” includes allowing some form of family visitations to resume. We are currently working with the Illinois Department of Public Health to create a safe policy and procedure to keep the COVID-19 virus at bay. Some of the stipulations include:

- All visits must be scheduled in advance with the facility.
- All visits must take place outside.
- 20/30-minute visits while maintaining a six-foot distance and no physical contact.
- Face masks must be worn at all times.
- Visitor screening must take place 24 hours prior to visiting and will be repeated on the day of the scheduled visit.
- No more than two visitors per resident are allowed to visit at the same time.
- All visits must be monitored by facility staff to ensure the distancing and no contact rules are followed.

We understand that these rules set-forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health are cumbersome, but it is at least a small step in the right direction. More information about this process will become available next week. We hope to have the green-light for allowing these visits by the end of next week. Oak Hill will continue to monitor all residents for signs and symptoms of the virus every 8 hours. Staff will still be required to wear N95 facemasks and will continue being tested for COVID-19 every other week.

The safety and well-being of every resident at Oak Hill is our top priority. As we progress through these “Phases”, we will keep everyone informed of the process. Thank you all, for your continued thoughts and prayers as we navigate this pandemic. I would also like to thank the amazing staff at Oak Hill for their efforts to keep all residents healthy, safe and well cared for during these difficult times.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Koontz