



COVID-19 Update December 18th, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

Oak Hill has received the results of their testing from Monday (12/14). We had three positive staff members and one positive resident. The resident is currently quarantining within the facility, and resultant testing on Wednesday (12/16) and this morning (12/18) showed no more positive residents. We will be testing all residents and staff again on Monday (12/21). With the rising numbers in Monroe County, it looks as though the Illinois Department of Public Health will mandate that we start testing twice a week.

Oak Hill is anxiously awaiting the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine. We have been contacted by The State of Illinois and have been told that we could have the vaccine as early as December 28th. Realistically, I would expect it early to mid-January. I highly recommend that all of our residents and staff receive the vaccine, but I will not mandate it. Consent forms to receive the vaccine should start being mailed sometime next week.

There have been many questions concerning bringing holiday food and goodies into the facility. We would gratefully accept any pre-packaged and/or individually wrapped items for the residents. Unfortunately, homemade baked items are not welcomed at this time. Any prepared meals from a restaurant are acceptable. Homemade meals are also accepted, as long as, it is able to be re-heated at the facility to bring the food to a temperature that would ensure its safety.

Oak Hill is also pleased to announce that we have opened our "Visitation Station". Please be patient as we work on-the-fly to make sure this new visiting arrangement goes smoothly. To start, please call the receptionist to schedule a day and time for visiting. We will have blocks of 30-minute times from 10am to 7:30 pm. We ask that you please wipe down the area with the cleaner provided after your visit. Further instructions will be given when you call to reserve a time/day for your visit. We would also like to hear suggestions on how we can improve on this visiting experience.

The overall numbers for the State of Illinois and the County of Monroe have shown a significant increase in COVID-19 cases. As we gather with family and friends during this holiday season, please be safe. Please do your part to keep yourself, your loved ones and your community safe.

"We isolate now, so when we gather again, no one is missing" - Unknown

Sincerely,

Brian L. Koontz