

July 18, 2020

Dear Family Members,

The good news announced in our last letter and the excitement of preparing for limited family visits has been dampened by the last round of staff testing. One of our staff members has tested positive and unfortunately that means we must wait another 28 days before beginning limited family visits as per the Dept. of Health regulations. In the meantime we have been diligently following the State guidelines outlined to prepare for family visits:

- Proper signage has been purchased and posted around the house as a reminder to adhere to proper hand hygiene, social distancing rules, appropriate use of PPE;
- We are working on ways to assure proper social distancing during family visits;
- The Visitors questionnaire is in the process of being updated;
- We are in the process of developing a formal visitation plan which will be posted to our website and forwarded to you via email with clear guidelines for visiting and to inform you if visitation is paused due to a confirmed positive Covid-19 diagnosis in the Home;
- The NY Forward Safety Plan is required to be submitted before visits begin; our staff is working on it as well;

The regulations mentioned above are only a brief and very limited list of what is required before we can begin visits. We hope and pray that this new delay will not be too long.

We will keep you informed as we progress and hope we will have more positive information in our next letter. We are happy to say that all the Residents are doing well and all the rest of the staff have tested negative over the past week.

Our incredible activity department continues to keep the Residents engaged while respecting social distancing. Melanie often profits of the good weather to bring a small group of the Residents outdoors. Creative games are always very engaging. We continue to pray for you and your families and ask the Lord to keep you safe as we continue to advance towards visitations and hopefully a more normal life.

Sincerely,

Sr. Gertrude Mary lsp