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**COVID Update:**

Dear residents, family, and friends,

This morning we were notified that one of our staff members has tested positive for COVID-19. We are in the process of re-testing potentially affected residents and staff at the direction of KDHE and Johnson County Health Department.

Since May 8, 2020 (when the federal government issued reporting requirements), we have had seven (7) confirmed cases of COVID-19, four staff and three residents, and we have had 0 clusters of three or more residents/staff with new onset of symptoms within 72 hours of each other.

We are taking steps based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, such as:

- Enhanced infection control precautions – which includes continuous wear of face masks and other personal protective equipment
- Screening residents, patients, staff, and essential visitors for the expanded list of symptoms
- Restricting visitation and entry of people to the building
- Testing patients and residents for COVID-19 based on current protocols and availability of tests
- Postponing communal activities

Due to government privacy requirements, we cannot divulge specific information about the individual who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19, unless they are your family member and you have the necessary permissions to receive such information.

We know you are concerned about your loved one, but it is crucial that we restrict visitation to reduce the spread of this virus to others. We will contact you directly if your loved one is suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19.

We also understand that connecting with family members is incredibly important to our residents. Family members are encouraged to connect with their loved ones through video chat, calling, texting, or on social media.



We need your help in battling COVID-19. Please visit the CDC website ([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)) to learn how you can help prevent the spread in our community, since continued spread in the larger community increases the chance the virus will work its way into our building.

This is a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to provide you with updates. Please know that we are adhering to guidelines from the local and state health departments, which continue to evolve as we learn more about this virus.

We know that you may have questions and we encourage you to contact our center. Please call us at 913-631-2146 for updates on the status of your loved one.

Sincerely,

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