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COVID Update:

Dear residents, family, and friends,

We have been notified that two staff members in our facility have tested positive for COVID-19. The staff members will remain off work and quarantined for the appropriate amount of time. We are still waiting on results for a few of our staff members. Should any of those staff test positive we will notify you of that potential exposure. We are following the direction of KDHE and the Johnson County Health Department for further testing.

All our residents have tested negative for the second week in a row. Based on this we will allow window visits to resume. We would ask that you please contact the facility to schedule the visit so we may allow the appropriate amount of time between visits for disinfecting.

Since May 8, 2020 (when the federal government issued reporting requirements), we have had twenty-four (24) confirmed cases of COVID-19, fifteen staff and nine residents.

Please check our website regularly for COVID updates at:

<https://shawneegardenshrc.com/covid-updates/>

We have implemented measures based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to help reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19. We are continuing to work closely with Johnson County Health Department and KDHE to ensure we mitigate as much risk as possible. We have been and continue to utilize measures 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 both window and outside visits and entry of people to the building
- Testing residents and staff weekly for COVID-19 per the guidance of Johnson County Health Department and KDHE
- 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) 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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