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To Our Residents and Family Members:

After a long and difficult road, we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel! We received notification the State of Michigan has adopted the new visitation guidelines that were published by CMS last week. The new guidelines will give us more opportunities for visitors, activities, and group dining. Our primary goal is to get our residents back to normal routines while still doing everything we can to protect them from Covid-19.

We implore you to please assist us by following all of our guidelines and recommendations. There are many things we must have in place and many rules we have to follow to ensure visitation can happen as safely as possible. We have worked very hard in our fight against Covid-19 and it is imperative we keep it out of our building.

We are setting up scheduled indoor visitation times by appointment only to allow us to meet the core principles of infection control as outlined by CMS. The recommendations and guidelines are too numerous to list but all visitors will have to be screened at the front door and properly fitting masks will be required at all times. Residents will be allowed 2 guests per visit. Residents in droplet precautions will still be excluded from visitation per CMS guidelines. We are also asking that all visitors be rapid tested for Covid-19 prior to visitation.

Visitors are to maintain 6 feet of social distancing with residents and staff. If the resident has been fully vaccinated, close contact is allowed as long as masks are properly worn. We will be offering designated visiting areas to limit movement throughout the facility and will have outdoor visiting areas set up as well.

If we have a resident or employee test positive there will be temporary limitations, restrictions, and pauses in visitation depending on the number and locations of the positive cases. Each positive test will trigger "outbreak testing" of all residents and staff every 3 to 7 days.

We will be posting our visitation guidelines on our website along with the link to sign up for visits. We appreciate your patience as we navigate through this new journey. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Jake Hiler, Administrator