

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**9/16/2020**

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this pandemic, 34 residents and 28 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 and all have resolved. Fairfield has completed 11 weeks of weekly testing for the employees without any new cases. We have not had any new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 123 days.

We are happy to report that we have been doing outside visitation for four weeks without any issues. Details of the outside visitation plan are below.

- Visitation must occur outside in our designated visitation area.
- Only 2 visitors are allowed per resident per visit. Visits will be kept to a maximum of 30 minutes per visit. Five simultaneous outdoor visits will be the maximum allowed. In the event a resident or facility staff member becomes positive, outdoor visitation will be stopped.
- Items in the visitation area will be cleaned and disinfected between visits with an EPA-registered disinfectant for healthcare settings with an emerging pathogens or human coronavirus claim or a 1:10 bleach solution. Employee's will clean and disinfect according to the manufacturer's instructions and facility policies.
- No food will be allowed in the visitation area.
- Visitations will be scheduled within the facility established days and times.
- Visits must be scheduled by the family/friend of the resident with the facility's designated scheduler
- Prior to and during the scheduling of outdoor visits, facility staff will inform visitors of the visitation guidelines and rules including social distancing, facemasks, and method in which violations will be addressed
- Prior to being allowed entry into the visitation area, visitors will be screened. Facility staff will be stationed at the patio entrance to screen visitors and take temperatures and ask screening questions.
- Any visitor that fails the screen will not be permitted to visit at that time.
- Once the visitors pass the screen, the employee will go over the visitation guidelines once again to ensure guidelines are being followed during visit.
- Visitors will be required to perform hand hygiene before and after each visit.
- Visitors and residents will be required to wear a face mask at all times.
- Once visitors have met all the requirements to enter the visitation area, then the facility staff will escort the resident to the visitation area.
- The visitation area will have marked areas in which visitors and residents have to remain placed at or behind to ensure social distancing will be maintained.
- Visitation will be supervised by a staff member to ensure resident safety and appropriate adherence to visitation guidelines are being followed.
- Physical contact is not allowed during visits.
- The visitation will be stopped immediately, visitors will be asked to leave the premises, and the resident will be placed on quarantine per CMS guidelines, if appropriate distancing is not maintained and/or visitor breaches precautionary guidelines.

### **Things to remember prior to visit:**

- Facemasks are required to enter visiting area and must be worn at all times.
- Please use the restroom prior to visit, there is no access to the facility restrooms.
- Inclement weather may cause your scheduled visit to be cancelled and rescheduled at a later date.

- Social distancing is to be maintained at all times. You are not permitted to touch your loved one. Failure to adhere to Social Distancing Guidelines and stay at least 6 feet away will result in your visit ending and you will be asked to leave the premises.
- Absolutely no food is allowed in the visitation area.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- No smoking allowed in visitation area.
- In order for a resident to qualify for outdoor visitation

As always, we are working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at (410) 923-6820.

Sincerely,

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