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Hello Residents, Families, Staff and Friends:

Testing: We continue to test staff members every Monday and Thursday and have been blessed with no positive results! Again we will only test a resident if they are symptomatic and we are lucky that most are fully vaccinated.

Vaccines: Ongoing vaccination of new residents and staff remains a work in progress that does seem to be moving forward. The State of NH is working with our pharmacy to allow them to procure vaccines for our center. More to come as this information firms up.

Visits: ***WE know it have been a long, lonely winter*** and video calls, phone calls and window visits only go so far. In discussion with the State of NH and our CMS partners, we are supported in finding ways to enhance visit options. As the weather improves, outdoor visits are always an option. We also allow compassionate visits. We are reaching out to those families of residents most in need first. But we know that you all need a visit soon. We will plan a visit with you.

Visit protocols: All visits must be scheduled. We are blessed to have Rachel to do our scheduling and prescreening. There are prescreening questions you must answer and now we will also ask if you have been vaccinated and when. We will also quick Covid-19 test all visitors who will enter the center. We have 15 minute **BinaxNOW™ COVID-19** test kits and we have trained staff members on how to use this test. **You will be asked to arrive 20 minutes prior to visit. We must wait 15 minutes for the results. So 5 minutes to be screened in and then we will proceed to testing. You will wait in that area until test results are in.**

Since all our residents who have been vaccinated may leave their rooms and attend small group activities, (we are having fun!) we hope you will enjoy meeting with your loved one in our library. The only residents that can not leave their rooms are new admissions who must quarantine for 14 days first. We hope that they may continue to enjoy a window, video visit or phone calls.

This makes me believe the light is getting brighter. Get Vaccinated as soon as you are able, wear a mask when out, and stay away from crowds. Be Stay.

Kindly,

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