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VP/Administrator and Chief Long Term Care Officer

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Dear Resident and Resident Representative:

As I have shared with you in my previous letters, we remain committed to updating our residents and representatives regularly. Since my last communication, we have one asymptomatic resident test positive for COVID-19 as a result of our asymptomatic weekly surveillance testing. There have not been any positive staff members. We have two hundred seven residents who have recovered from COVID-19.

As noted in my last letter, the Department of Health issued an Executive Order last Friday allowing in person visitation in a designated outdoor visitation space with directives set forth that must be followed. We have set up a visitation area in the front of the Medical Center for outdoor visits and will start outdoor visitation beginning Monday, June 29. Outdoor visits will be Monday - Friday, 9:30am -11:30am and 1:30pm - 4:00pm. Saturdays will be limited and availability will be reviewed when calling for an appointment. Window visits will remain in place to accommodate those who prefer this option. Please note, if you have more than one family member here, we cannot bring both residents at the same time, visits will have to be scheduled separately. Prior to the visit, an Informed Consent must be signed by the visitor.

The below measures are in place for the safety, care and infection prevention and control for our residents, staff and those visiting.

- Any resident who is suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID 19 will not be able to receive visitation until criteria has met to discontinue isolation
- Residents will be explained how visitation will work and what can be expected prior to visit
- Informed consent must be signed prior to the visit by both residents and representatives
- No more than two (2) visitors per resident
- All visitors will be screened prior to the visitation for temperature and respiratory illness
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times
- No physical contact, no hugs, no touching hands, no handshakes, etc.
- No use of restrooms by visitors
- A Bergen New Bridge staff member must remain with resident at all times during the visit
- Face coverings/masks must be worn by visitors, staff and residents
- Food is not permitted during visits and beverages cannot be shared
- Visitation is by appointment only

We appreciate everyone's adherence to the guidelines that are set forth. Compliance with all measures put into place is mandatory and failure to do so will revoke visitation. For all appointments, please contact Sherri Siwulec at 201-967-4004. Please note that Sherri will be on vacation July 2-13 so appointments can be made during this time with our Social Services team at 201-967-4170.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 201.967.4013 or [krichardson@newbridgehealth.org](mailto:krichardson@newbridgehealth.org).

Sincerely,

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