



July 17, 2020

Dear Friends and Family of The Residence,

We again tested residents and staff working in The Residence over the course of three days from July 14-16. While all results have not been returned, those that have come back showed no new cases of COVID in residents, staff or private duty aides working in the personal care home. In fact, three of the original five residents who tested positive in June have now tested negative for COVID!

The two staff members who tested positive in June are still recovering at home and will be required to have two negative tests before returning to work. We hope both are back with us soon.

The next round of testing is scheduled for Thursday, July 30 and will include all residents and staff of the entire Campus.

Once we receive the remaining tests results from this week, Jasmine and I will be in touch with state officials and will discuss a strategy for loosening some of the restrictions on movement in the building, as well as resuming some small group activities and possibly even small group dining options. Our goal is to allow for more socialization as soon as it is safe to do so.

The PA Department of Health visited the skilled nursing home today as part of a state-wide inspection of facilities Infection Control practices. While this was focused on the SNF, The Campus' COVID Taskforce has worked to develop protocols that are consistent between the buildings. The DoH commended The Campus on our protocols, documentation, and communication and said our work to this point was 'exemplary'!

Once again, I want to commend all staff working in the personal care home for their heroic efforts! The staff continues to come to work and perform their tasks in a manner that continues to provide for the safety of both residents and staff. Their diligence in observing the protocols have helped to prevent spread of the virus.

As a reminder, you can help by adding your voice to our pleas to the government for additional support. Please go to www.LeadingAge.org/act and look over the Act for Older Adults. You can contact your legislator to request their support of the Act. There are five essential actions being asked of the government:

1. Immediate access to Personal Protective Equipment;
2. Access & Funding for Regular Testing of Residents and Staff;

3. Safety Amidst the Reopening of States;
4. Funding & Support for Providers Across the Continuum of Care; and
5. Recognition for Heroic Frontline Workers During the Pandemic.

Feel free to contact either Jasmine Staten, PCH Administrator, or me with questions. Again, Jasmine has remained very active as she recovers.

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For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID, please visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work diligently to keep our residents and staff safe during this pandemic. Staff have appreciated the support and encouragement shown by families and others throughout the last several months.

Sincerely,

Allen

Allen Geckle, CEO