



December 19, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

The Holidays are fast approaching, we are grateful that we decked our halls early. The last two weeks have been stressful to say the least. We have had several residents test positive for the coronavirus. We have implemented, and subsequently expanded our COVID-19 unit. And since we have been preparing and educating our team for months, the transition has been more seamless than I could have imagined. The staff have embraced the required changes with grace. Our residents are tolerating our newly added “restrictions” with understanding. Several new procedures within the facility were developed to communicate effectively as we find that each day has brought new questions and challenges.

Perhaps this is not the Holiday Season we envisioned, but we are blessed with a strong, dedicated medical team all who are compassionate caregivers. We are grateful for the calm guidance we have been offered by our Medical Director, Itri Eren. His leadership and consultation this entire year has been invaluable. I am including a letter penned by Dr. Eren regarding the vaccination. Thank you to all of the families who have quickly returned the consent forms. For those of you who are undecided, please read the attached information. I would be happy to facilitate a discussion with you and one of our trusted Health Care Providers or Physicians to answer any questions you may still have.

As the number of our residents directly impacted by COVID continue to rise, we are even more anxious for our upcoming vaccination date. We are hoping to have our assigned clinic date by the end of the week. We have been told our first clinic date should be within the next three weeks. We are strongly encouraging all residents and staff to participate with the vaccination program. As a reminder, I have posted vaccination information, forms and all relevant COVID-19 numbers on our website: Welcomenursinghome.com.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. We want to be completely transparent and informative during these difficult times. As a reminder, all letters and current COVID-19 numbers are kept up to date on our website www.welcomenursinghome.com. The entire staff at Welcome Nursing Home send our warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday Season. It is certainly a time to reflect on our bountiful blessings and our New Year wishes.

Stay Well,

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