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I wanted to offer another update regarding our most recent testing requirements due to having two asymptomatic employees test positive. We have received all resident results back from our initial outbreak testing and all results were negative. All staff were retested and negative on Wednesday. All residents were retested again on Thursday and we are awaiting those results. We will be testing staff and residents again next week. If all results remain negative, we will be done with our “outbreak” cycle and resident testing will be completed at that point. Beyond outbreak testing, we will continue to follow the ongoing staff testing schedule from ODH and CMS. At this point, it appears that we will be completing ongoing employee testing on a monthly basis.

I am certain many of you have heard that the Governor released the date for inside visitation. As of October 12, we will be authorized to offer indoor visits. We still do not have the written guidance, but from the press release offered by the Governor’s office they will be similar to the scheduled outside visits. These have been going very well and the residents have enjoyed spending time with their visitors. They will be pre-scheduled, time and person limited. Please remember that although you may bring in food for your resident, we request that they not eat during visits so we can maintain social distancing and a mask. They can enjoy their treats once they have returned to their room. I will share the final indoor policy with you once we have it established. In the meantime, we are trying to create a space inside the facility that is conducive to offering visitation privacy while promoting safety and mitigating risk of spreading infection.

I want to extend our gratitude on behalf of all of the staff here at Welcome, for your support, understanding and faith in our caregivers. We are proud to be “People Helping People”. Have a great weekend.

Stay Well,

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