



April 26, 2022

Dear Residents, Friends, and Families:

They say spring is here but in true Ohio fashion we were greeted by snow showers! I know our residents are getting anxious to be able to enjoy our outside courtyards. We are looking forward to warmer weather and sunshine! In the meantime, I thought it would be helpful to send out an update on our current policies, upcoming opportunities and to introduce some of our new leadership team members.

In some ways it seems that the greater community has moved beyond the COVID pandemic. In general mask mandates are lifted, and large group indoor activities have resumed. Our environment is different. Many of our policies and procedures are still very much driven by guidance and expectations set forth by our regulatory agencies. Because we are a health care environment providing services to those who are most vulnerable, many of these protections will remain long after the general public resume their "normal lives". We are required support visits in a manner that maintain certain core principles and best practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. These Core Principles are summarized below:

- Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine cannot enter the building until they meet the criteria facilities use for discontinuing transmission-based precautions
- Visitors must be screened for visitation exclusions
- Hand hygiene must be performed (use of alcohol based hand rub is preferred)
- Face Coverings or masks covering both the mouth and nose must be worn in all common areas throughout the building *
- Physical Distancing should be respected *
- Staff wear proper PPE
- Cleaning and disinfection high frequency touched surfaces
- Effective resident cohorting
- Resident and staff testing as required

If COVID-19 community level transmission is low to moderate, visitors and residents can be flexible with face coverings if they are visiting in a private location. Residents, regardless of their vaccination status can choose not to wear face coverings during private visits when other residents are not present. Visitors must wear face coverings and physically distance when around other residents or healthcare personnel, regardless of their personal vaccination status. It is recommended that visitors who are not up to date on their vaccination status wear face coverings at all times. We offer COVID-19 rapid testing prior to visitation if requested. Our goal is to provide our residents with meaningful visits. While we know there are risks associated with visitation, we recognize that these risks are reduced by adhering to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention.

We are very excited to introduce you to Angela Milum our new Assistant Director of Nursing. She joins our team with a wealth of nursing knowledge and experience in a variety of healthcare settings. We are thrilled she chose to be part of Welcome's leadership team. We are just as grateful that Chris Walter has joined our team. He is the new Director of Maintenance. Welcome is blessed that these professionals have brought their talents to our community.

In June, we will be changing pharmacies from Remedi pharmacy to Accuscripts Pharmacy. We are very excited to partner with this locally owned and operated pharmacy who specializes in Long Term Care service. You will be receiving in the mail privacy and consent information from Accuscripts. Please sign and return the forms as the packet directs. As part of this transition, we will be utilizing Accuscripts for our second Booster Clinic. If you are interested in having your resident receive the second authorized booster please reach out to Sarah Stevens, Director of Nursing to complete the consent paperwork.

Upcoming Events:

Our Housekeeping and Laundry Department will be hosting a Lost and Found event at the top of the ramp from May 13-16. Unlabeled items will be displayed in hopes they find their rightful owner. We ask that identified items be turned back in for proper labeling so we can avoid misplaced items in the future.

National Nursing Home Week: May 8 – May 12th Theme: Nurturing and Creating Connections

Sunday – Mother’s Day Tea 2 pm we hope to see you there!



Monday – Hat Day – Hat’s off to our amazing staff, Proclamation 10:30 am
2 pm Hat Craft



Tuesday – Super Hero Day – dress up as your favorite Super Hero,
10 am Super Hero Bingo
2 pm Super Hero Movie and snacks



Wednesday – Camo Day – Warrior Wednesday,
10 am Battle Supply Cart
2 pm Nerf Gun Competition



Thursday – Throw Back Thursday – Dress up in your Favorite Decade (60’s, 70’s, 80’s...)
10 am Name that tune Music Trivia
2 pm Decades Jeopardy



Friday – Sports Gear Day – Teamwork makes the dream work
wear your favorite sports team gear



Marathon BINGO DAY (atrium closed for noon meal)

We are all looking forward to these fun upcoming events and would love for you to join us for some of the fun! As a friendly reminder, our COVID-19 status remains current and updated on our website www.welcomenursinghome.com under the COVID-19 hyperlink. If you have questions do not hesitate to reach out.

Stay Well,
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