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It is difficult to believe that we are in the final days of July! My how the summer days have flown! We have certainly enjoyed spending time outside and we are very grateful to the City of Oberlin for their commitment to providing safe sidewalks in this part of the city corridor. One of our newly added routine activities has become a “walk and roll” staff guided exercise program that incorporates indoor and outdoor spaces. We have recently resumed community-based outings as part of our activity offerings as well. These have been well received by our residents. Our dynamic activities team continues to evolve our programs to meet the needs of our current population and their creativity never ceases to amaze me. Nickolaus has been a wonderful addition to our team this summer providing music throughout our halls. He will return to college in the fall to continue his academic studies with an emphasis on Music Therapy. We are grateful that he will remain part of our team and return whenever he is home on break.

If you have paid attention to the news, you are probably aware that the number of COVID positive cases in our surrounding counties have begun to spike. This impacts our operations when staff or residents are required to isolate or quarantine because of testing positive or having close contact with someone who tested positive. The rules can be very confusing, and the policies in long term care facilities do not necessarily mimic those in the community. Our team is very diligent in implementing procedures to provide the highest level of protection for our residents and for each other. We are continually educating our team and providing resources to promote a healthy environment.

As a reminder, we are required to post Outbreak Testing signage when even one individual, contractor, employee, or resident tests positive. Outbreak testing resolves once a designated timeframe elapses (14 days) without anyone else testing positive. With the county numbers increasing, the likelihood of remaining in outbreak testing for weeks on end is a reality. In order to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 for our residents, we ask that you remain diligent in your personal infection control practices. Make sure you are feeling healthy if you plan to visit, complete the screening every time you enter the building, complete hand hygiene upon entering the building and often throughout your visit. Recognize that outside visits are the

safest, we request that you do not wander throughout the facility, wear a medical face covering when you enter the building (we are happy to provide them), and visit in a private location. We encourage social distancing, but we recognize that there is nothing more comforting than a hug from your loved one. It is certainly a fine balance between implementing mitigation efforts and providing quality of life.

As a reminder, we maintain our COVID-19 Updates on our website, www.welcomenursinghome.com. You can reference our COVID-19 resident, staff and contractor positivity numbers, and see all the prior family letters sent regarding COVID-19 policies. As always, if you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to me0 directly. If I cannot answer your questions, I will find someone who can.