

UPDATE IN REGARD TO CORONAVIRUS/ COVID-19:

To families of River Grove residents,

We have now been managing the Covid 19 outbreak since early March. We want to thank you for your help and assistance during this difficult time. Our efforts have been successful however as no active cases of Covid 19 are in the building at this time.

1. Outings will be beginning for the residents on our van.
2. Housekeeping continues to be a priority in the building on a daily basis: cleaning handrails and other surfaces multiple times a day, ordering of additional supplies, and installing additional hand sanitizer stations throughout the building. Our dietary department has been undertaking additional steps to make sure any item that enters and leaves the kitchen is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Care giving staff is sanitizing shared equipment, resident wheelchairs, treatment carts, charting devices, and other steps and tasks as needed.
3. Isolating the connection between houses, we have restricted residents from traveling between the houses. We are hoping this will minimize any potential transmission of the virus (if it is found in our community) between the two buildings.
4. Staff have been instructed to stay home if they are showing any signs and symptoms of any illness. Staff are being monitored continuously and screened prior to assuming duties for any symptoms of Covid -19. We are preparing for state-wide testing of residents and staff. In some of the buildings the company testing has already been completed.
5. All medical interventions are being conducted as usual with heightened precautions – trips to outside medical professionals are continuing with the addition of PPE whenever possible and consulting teams are still reporting and providing care to our residents.
6. Visitors have been restricted at this point to the guidelines outlined by CMS. New guidelines are being developed state wide depending on what phase of opening the community is in.

The staff at River Grove realizes that these restrictions make it difficult for you to see your loved ones, but we also know that you understand that the care and safety of your family members is our main concern and priority. Once Covid enters a building the consequences for residents and staff can be challenging. All of these precautions are being recommended by CDC, CMS, and State and local Health Authorities.

As this situation continues to evolve and change, we thank you for your understanding and will keep you updated as necessary.

Sincerely,

Sherry Hogan
Administration and Staff