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MEMO

TO: All Residents, Responsible Parties and employees
FROM: Rod Mason, President/CEO
RE: Weekly Update – Back on Track
DATE: August 12, 2020

Greetings All! Today I am going to speak to you from the heart... I pray I do not offend anyone who reads or hears of these words, and such is not the intent at all, but rather these words are being used to plead for compliance. You see, I have been out and about (not much – my life these last several months has turned rather boring as I come to work and go home... occasionally to a store here and there... but not much more than that). I have seen the public display of respect for each other via adherence to our guidance of mask-wearing, and I have seen the public display of just the opposite. It is the latter group for which I have the most concern, as the disregard is truly going to ultimately only result in increased case load of folks dealing with the virus. As a CEO of a Long-Term Care facility, I cannot bear the thought of the fallout from this disregard. Our elderly folks will be the ones that absorb the brunt of the sentiment leading to this disregard. Please, folks, on behalf of all our vulnerable residents and families, continue to wear your masks when out in public – no matter where you are! Church, family gatherings, other gatherings... what you prevent from spreading will ultimately save lives! If you don't wear the mask, end up with asymptomatic positive – maybe YOU won't get sick... but you are now a spreader! Please be considerate of all others and do this simple task! Always wear a mask and wear it the right way when out and around others. Fortunately, as of today, **we still have no active cases of the virus in our residents nor employees**... a few tests are out, and we await results... but still zero today! And we want to keep it that way.

As to protective measures, **all employees and contractors** (hairdressers, therapy workers, Doctors) will be getting tested for round #2 of Indiana State-mandated testing of employees of all Indiana facilities. The testing will be happening tomorrow and Friday here on site! Last time we had over 340 employees test – all tested negative. We are hoping for similar numbers or better this week, with hopefully the same result! We continue to do our best to ensure that our residents are being cared for by employees who have been careful and remain COVID-free!

We know that the virus is pressing in. It is getting closer and closer. The County is experiencing a surge in cases reported daily. Together we can stop this spread, but we ALL must take the virus and its impact seriously and do our part! Please, wear your mask, social-distance, disinfect often (wash hands) and use good sense in deciding where to go, activities in which to participate – if others are not protecting you, it might be wise to think twice.

Thank you all for your diligence! We will get through this together!