



Swiss Village, Inc.

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MEMO

TO: All Residents, Responsible Parties and Employees

FROM: Rod Mason, President/CEO

RE: Weekly Update – Back on Track

DATE: September 9, 2020

I have good news! Last week I notified you of a “positive case” out of our Beauty Shop? It turns out that the only positive case was the individual that was working in the shop that day! And my personal suspicion is that even that “case” might have been a false-positive as the worker never developed any signs nor symptoms, and all other tests that were generated because of that case have come back negative. The co-worker, the residents who were also in the shop being cared for by this employee, the spouses of those residents... eleven tests, all negative! We are super happy and give thanks to God for, yet-again, closely watching over His flock here in Berne! For your information, the worker will be able to return to their hair-duties by Saturday (and has already been reaching out to “catch up” on missed do’s) and the shop should be fully open for its regular hours next Monday! The residents that have been in 14-day quarantine will be able to return to their normal lives this coming Saturday! All are doing very well! Beyond this case we have ***no currently active cases amongst residents nor employees!***

New regular testing! You may have heard this announced on the news... all nursing facilities in the Country must now test all employees regularly, until further notice. The testing frequency is determined based upon a County’s positivity rate, and that rate is calculated by CDC/CMS determination. If a County’s rate is below 5% that facility must test monthly. If between 5% and 10% then weekly testing. If above 10% then twice weekly! Adams County’s rate is posted at 9.8% currently (this rate is recalculated every other week) so we are planning to test this week and weekly thereafter until the rate changes accordingly. Our testing frequency can fluctuate with newly calculated rates... please pray that our positivity rate continues to fall and settles below 5% quickly. This is an onerous task on those assigned to do the testing and, on the employees, to get in here and take the test. I am thankful to our team that has stepped forth to take this task on, developing steps and procedures as we go! Fortunately, this is the rapid test so results can come out within the hour of the test. The new part of these requirements: If an employee comes up positive, or if a resident turns up positive from a test, at that time we will need to test all employees AND residents every three days until fourteen days pass and no positive tests show from anyone.

Again, and I cannot say this enough. Please remember to practice our good and safe hygienic practices that we have gone over time and again. Without YOUR help we could not have been successful to date! Thank you ALL! And let’s keep it going! We will all get through this – together!