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MEMO

TO: All Residents, Responsible Parties and Employees
FROM: Rod Mason, President/CEO
RE: Weekly Update – New Positive Case – Contract Employee
DATE: September 1, 2020

Greetings! This notice will serve as a note of new information AND, also my weekly update for this week. Yesterday afternoon we were notified of a positive test with one of our contracted beauty shop employees. This employee last worked this past Friday for a partial day. They are now asymptomatic and have been self-quarantined at home since Friday. Our Senior Team has taken the proper precautionary steps to minimize any spread and to ensure that the beauty shop (here on Main Street) receives the proper deep cleaning prior to its reopening. We have notified any resident who was served by this staff person of the potential exposure and, per Health Department requirements, are asking those individuals (six of them) to self-quarantine with their spouses, in their apartments for fourteen days. We will, of course, be checking with them daily, delivering meals, picking up groceries and prescriptions during this time, and they will also be tested for COVID as a precaution.

We take this virus quite seriously and continue to follow the mandates and guidance of the CDC, CMS (our licensing agency), Indiana State and Adams County Health Departments. We continue to urge all residents, family and friends, and our employees and their acquaintances to practice good hygienic practices according to local and State guidelines. **Employees**, again, please remember when you are not working that you are still highly susceptible to collecting this virus and bringing it in to our residents. PLEASE continue to follow all the guidelines that have been issued and drilled over and over as to the very important steps to take to control and illuminate the spread of this ugly virus! We can do it!

For now, the beauty shops will be operating under limited staffing for two weeks. We anticipate they will be back to full schedule for the week of September 14. If you have an appointment during this time, just double check to be certain your appointment can be kept. I know this is an inconvenience, but we can get through it. So long as there is no related spread of the COVID-19 bug, we will not further restrict any activity nor scheduled visitations. If, however, another case develops from within this potential exposure, we will have no choice but to close the facility tightly for two weeks, return to the levels of protection and restriction that were in place from March through June. Let's pray that such action does not need to take place.

We are also in the planning stages for exactly how to implement the mandated regular testing of all staff and then also residents (when a case develops and mandates such). This is a new requirement that is in force as of tomorrow. More on that as we develop our plans. Thank you for attending to our wellness and safety! Together we get through! And we pray hard and thank God for our every blessing. Feel free to reach out for any questions to any member of the Senior Team or myself.