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COVID-19 UPDATE



October 16, 2020

We appreciate all of the support, prayers, and offers of help that we've received. To keep you up-to-date on our efforts to keep NRC residents and staff safe, we will send out this update as things change in our community:

- **Our COVID-19 Situation:** As of today, we have one positive COVID-19 test result among staff. All additional test results from this week of testing have been reported as negative. We have no positive cases of COVID-19 among residents across campus at this time.
- **Mandatory Testing:** We continue to follow testing requirements as mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The next round of testing for residents of the Care Center and Cannon Valley Suites and all facility staff will take place on Monday, October 19th. Updates will be provided as future testing dates are arranged.
- **Essential Caregivers:** In accordance with CMS and MDH revised guidelines, Essential Caregivers are now required to participate in COVID-19 testing following the facility's ongoing testing schedule. Each Essential Caregiver must provide a negative test result of COVID-19 in order to maintain their Essential Caregiver status. Essential Caregivers will be notified when testing is required. The purpose this revision is to provide the opportunity for Essential Caregivers to continue caregiving tasks in the event of a positive case on campus.
- **Visitation Status:** All Outdoor Visits across campus are currently placed on hold. Please keep windows closed during window visits with your loved one at this time. Video conferencing continue to be held.
- **Salon Services:** Care Center beauty shop and Northwoods Salon appointments are postponed at this time. Appointments will not be scheduled until there are no positive results among staff or residents for a period of 14 days.

Living SAFER: Help us keep everyone in our community healthy! It is more important than ever that we protect those most at risk, support workers, and all do our part to slow the spread of the virus.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes
- Maintain social distance
- Wear a mask
- Stay within your living space as much as possible
- Spending time outdoors is encouraged as long as 6 feet of distance from others is maintained