Dear Family Members/Responsible Parties:

I wanted to provide you with an update on the status of operations at Beechwood. Many of you may have been following the ongoing media coverage this past week in regard to nursing homes and the COVID-19 pandemic. I suspect that the continued coverage has caused you some concern or generated some questions.

Present Case Update

Since the April 24th update, we have had eleven additional COVID positive resident cases - all on our secured dementia care Horizons Household. To insure complete transparency, the facility total is now twenty-two cases with five resident deaths (two at the hospital) and one resident recovered.

We continue to make individual contacts to the appropriate family members of affected households to keep them updated to their loved one’s status as well as to changes initiated in response to COVID test results. In all instances, the contacts were to convey to families that additional precautions and measures were implemented to further safeguard the residents and staff on the household and to help prevent the possible spread.

COVID-19 Designated Household

Last week, I informed you that based on updated Department of Health (DOH) and CDC guidance; we had been working to establish a designated COVID unit for the facility. Earlier this week we formally identified the Horizons household as our designated unit. This decision was made based on discussions and consultation with the DOH as well as our Infectious Disease and Medical Service providers. I want to applaud the tremendous effort by all the staff directly involved the past 7-10 days to assist in making this happen all while providing loving care to those effected residents. Despite what the media has portrayed, they all true Heroes!

As we proceed over the next few weeks, it is critical for all of us to support the designated staff who will work on Horizons to care for the current residents, as well as any potential new COVID admissions, and accept the challenges that come with the added precautions and PPE measures. This will enable us to consolidate the appropriate resources and exposure to a minimum for our residents and staff in other households.

Support from Families is Heartwarming

I want to continue to recognize all of the families who have been so kind and generous with their thoughts, warm wishes, and prayers that truly serve to energize and uplift all of the staff for the important work we have. The gifts of food, letters, posters, and general kind words have been a true boost for us all and they serve to remind us why we have chosen this as our profession. Thank you for all your support!

We all appreciate your continued thoughts and prayers, and we will all get through this together.

Best wishes,

Rich McCune

Administrator