

March 1, 2021

To Our Residents and Family Members:

Good Evening.

Spring is in the air, and even though it was a bit chilly this morning, there are signs of spring everywhere. To me the thought of spring each year brings with it a sense of HOPE. We see new flowers, the trees are budding, the grass is starting to turn green from the winter and fresh clean air blows through the open windows. This spring is especially hopeful to us at Beatitudes. We are finally seeing the COVID numbers go down in the community and here on campus. This gives us hope. Our vaccine clinics have been most successful with almost 100% of our residents and a large number of our staff being vaccinated. This gives us hope. We have only three more days of the Health Care Center being on visitation restrictions. If testing of staff and residents continues to produce the negative test results, as we have now for 11 days, we will be able to open the Designated Essential Visits (DEV) once again. This gives us hope.

We continue to test our direct care staff twice weekly. The community numbers have decreased almost to the point we will be able to resume weekly testing and as indicated when necessary. It feels like on the horizon there is a sense of normalcy. We are sure it will not be our previous normal but not as unsure as the past 13 months have been.

We continue to reinforce to staff the importance of following proper PPE both in and out of the building. While we have hope, it is not the time to let our guard down and not continue to be diligent in the use of face masks and social distancing practices. We have enjoyed the various decorated masks, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and today we started sporting green and white four-leaf clover facemasks. The decorated face masks bring smiles to our residents when they see the various designs.

The Life Enrichment team has been working on planting flowers, decorating for spring on the units and keeping your loved ones engaged.

We are awaiting new guidance from CMS on what future visiting will look like and will share that as soon as it is received.

As always, we would not be as good as we are without the support from each and every one of you! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. In addition, if you need family added to this email feed please share their email addresses and we will add them.

Take care and we look forward to the day when we can see you all again in person and share the beautiful reunions.



Blessings to you all!

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