



May 15, 2020 (“Day 65”)

Dear Friend,

Long before New Hampshire’s *Stay-At-Home Order* (which now seems ages ago), Presidential Oaks began taking unprecedented action to prevent COVID-19. We suspended visits from families and friends, prohibited healthcare provider and vendor entry, and cancelled outings to insulate residents from exposure to this virus. With the exception of critical needs, even medical appointments were deferred. In essence, we have been sheltering in place since March 11, 2020.

During this time, we have focused on monitoring and training our Health Care Workers (HCW). We began screening them for symptoms every shift and initially issued cloth face coverings. We then developed an assessment to identify each HCW’s risk of exposure to COVID-19. Today, our HCWs wear a procedure face mask prior to entering the building, are screened (sometimes several times per day), and are keenly aware of their responsibility.

We are blessed to remain COVID-Free...today.

But, we are determined to do more. Many “COVID Positive” individuals have no symptoms. Therefore, testing is our next line of defense in preventing and/or controlling COVID-19. Presidential Oaks is pleased to announce that it will test all residents and HCW’s for COVID-19.

In partnership with Department of Health and Human Services, we plan to conduct testing beginning Sunday, May 17, 2020, and will conclude by Tuesday, May 19, 2020. We expect to receive the results of this “first round” by Friday, May 22, 2020. After this Baseline Testing Program, Presidential Oaks will test all workers and 8 residents (randomly chosen) every week.

Throughout this process, we will notify you of any positive results by the next day. We will also notify you if we have (3) residents or staff with new symptoms if it occurs within a 72 hour period. The report will include mitigating actions that we’ve taken to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission. At minimum, you will have access to weekly reports with cumulative updates.

We will issue a written notice to each resident. The best way for family members to keep up to date is to follow us on Facebook or to go to our website (www.presidentialoaks.org). If we have your email, you will receive the report via Constant Contact. If you please send your email address to nocovid19@presidentialoaks.org, we’ll add you to the list.

Best,

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