

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Dear Patients, Families, and Community:

I hope you are enjoying your summer so far. On behalf of Lee Health & Rehab Center, I want to provide you with an update for this week.

### **COVID-19**

We have received all of the outstanding prevalence test results, and we've had no additional positive cases to report since my last correspondence.

### **Mitigation**

In a previous update, I shared that we have begun working on the center's plan for reopening in accordance with the newly released Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) phased reopening plan for nursing homes. I previously shared information about some of the required elements that were in place at the Center prior to the release of the reopening guidance. The Center is reviewing the requirements from the VDH to enter Phase 1. Once we submit our attestation for phase 1, we must remain in that phase for 14 days without a positive COVID-19 test result before advancing to Phase 2.

### **Testing**

We successfully conducted a follow-up prevalence test on July 9<sup>th</sup> conducted by the VDH and expect to receive test results soon. We anticipate delays in lab processing due to the volume of testing that is occurring in nursing facilities around the state. We will notify patients, and their representatives, of positive test results first, followed by notification of negative results to those patients and representatives. A cumulative notification will be provided to via email and text messaging, which will also include staff test results.

### **PPE**

We continue to consult the most current CDC and VDH guidance on the effective use of PPE. As part of the COVID-19 reporting through NHSN, we include an update on our supply of PPE and utilization strategies. Our supply of PPE continues to be adequate, and we have back-up supplies available to us.

### **Communication**

As a reminder, we are still scheduling video calls, which can supplement outdoor visits. With visitation inside the center still under federal and state restrictions, it is important that patients and their families remain connected. We are committed to assisting you in making that happen.

**Thank You**

Thank you for your continued support of the center and entrusting the care of your loved ones to our team of dedicated staff members.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me directly with concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Jones". The ink is a light grey or blue color.

Ashley Jones, LNHA  
Administrator