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**Dear Friends and families,**

This has been a very difficult year for all of us due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but specifically for care facilities. That is why I am pleased to share some good news. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has found a COVID-19 vaccine to be safe and effective. As healthcare workers, we will be among the first to receive the vaccine. This is very encouraging.

We are happy the vaccine is safe and effective. We have an obligation to protect our residents and our community and this vaccine will be a lifesaving turning point in the fight against COVID-19.

We will participate with the CVS Vaccine Partnership Program. Our pharmacy partner will provide onsite vaccination clinics for our staff and residents. The vaccine includes a series of two injections, scheduled 21 to 28 days apart. Please check our website's COVID-19 page for updates, links and consent documents. Also, more information will be sent in the days ahead.

Our primary goal is to give staff and residents our utmost support. We continue to focus on the basic principles of cleanliness set forth by policies and procedures from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Department of Health (DOH), and Regional Response Health Collaboration Program (RRHCP).

Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020 through December 17, 2020):

Number of cases	
2	ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19. (This number is included below in the confirmed residents with positive COVID-19)
35	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
1	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location this week
0	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location this week

There were no new resident cases to report this week.

Responsible party / family members and residents impacted by the virus will be contacted and provided with results/updates. We continue to encourage window visits, phone call, zoom calls and face times to remain connected to your loved one.

In keeping up with COVID-19 challenges, we have enacted the most recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines regarding visitation. These guidelines related to visitations and screenings are based on county positivity rates.

We thank you for your continued support through the COVID-19 pandemic. Our main goal remains to provide high-quality care and to keep your loved ones safe. Thank you for entrusting us to care for your loved ones.

We encourage staff to maintain social distancing, use caution when attending gatherings, wear a mask and practice hand hygiene while at work and home.

Thank you for entrusting us to care for your loved ones. If you have any questions, we are always available for you.

In closing, I hope all of you and your families are well and healthy. We will get through these challenging times together and be stronger in the end!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at, 724-349-5300 or [lmccandrews@beaconridge.net](mailto:lmccandrews@beaconridge.net).

**Sincerely,**

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