May 22, 2020

Dear Edenton Resident or Family Member:

The State of Maryland and Frederick County phase 1 opening actions do not change any of the current restrictions or reduced service levels still in place here at Edenton. I received several calls and requests for residents (IL) to go to a family member's home or for family members to visit inside apartments or assisted living. We must agree that monitoring the activity of the greater state and local community as initial businesses and as activity increases will determine what may happen regarding the virus or spread. The diminished trends reported by the Health Depts (state and local) must continue or restrictions will be replaced, and we will be farther away from "re-opening" here at Edenton.

As of this weekly report, Edenton has not had any new cases. Our team continues the same protocols and procedures every day to ensure that cleaning, sanitizing, screening and temperature checks are performed. I discussed with staff the importance of not getting comfortable and to remain vigilant with all our actions and observations.

Edenton is beginning to receive calls from physician offices regarding the rescheduling of medical appointments. We have scheduled a few appointments with very specific actions directed by our staff for resident safety. Some medically necessary appointments such as eye injections or pacemaker/cardiology visits that have been put off for months now are slowly being rescheduled. Most medical appointments though are still predominantly completed thru telehealth or secure video. Dr. Shah agrees that we should continue this practice for as many routine medical appointments as possible for a couple more weeks. Appointments will continue to be reviewed each week by nursing and in consultation with the physician.

Visits with residents and family members - this is a tough topic for everyone. I know that a few independent living residents are having visits outside, while masked and keeping a distance from one another (6 to 10 feet). This can cautiously continue with your family member and neighbor but please do not take these visits inside the apartment.

Assisted living visitation is still restricted. I have been challenging myself and others to brainstorm an option and we have come up with an idea.

Pictured is our "Safe Visiting Space". Leo took this idea and made it real. The PVC frame, heavy duty plastic and plexiglass front sits around a resident in a chair or wheelchair. It can be completely cleaned and sanitized. The procedure I am developing, will include the resident and family member to be masked, 6 to 10 feet away yet still able to see and hear each other while safely protecting the resident. This visit would be arranged outside and supervised by a staff member. Please let me know

or the activity person for your assisted living building if you are interested in scheduling a visit time.

We have successfully taken some AL residents outdoors this week when the weather was nice. Many enjoyed the sunshine and warmer temperatures. Please go to Edenton's Facebook page for photos each week.

Edenton will continue to evaluate when other and more specific services can resume. There is a very specific interest in the beauty/barber salon opening, as well as dining and shopping restarting. Gladys, Paige and I spoke this week and reviewed the state checklist for reopening salon. No date is set for this to occur yet. The rear patio of the restaurant was power washed, and tables cleaned. You could choose to eat outside if you social distance from anyone else and cleanup afterwards as we have no servers.

Please consider staying home as much as possible, and if you choose to, carefully interact with your family members and friends who are outside of your household by social distancing and wearing a mask. Masking, handwashing and sanitizing remain essential duties when in contact with others and especially in any public area.

Please visit Edenton's website and follow the link for weekly updates or provide your email for communication. As always, if I can answer any questions or provide you with information, please reach out to me or another member of our team at any time.

Regards,

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Administrator