April 23, 2021

Dear Resident, Family Member and Staff:

Good morning! The sun is shining and the next few days will bring bright sunshine and warmer weather. Please consider visiting outdoors and getting some fresh air for yourself and our Residents!

There is some good news with Frederick County's positivity rate. Yesterday the rate was 4.9%. This is the first time in a month that the number has dropped below 5% after what many are referring to as the 4th wave. Hospitalizations are slowly coming back down at Frederick Health as well. The State of MD indicates that about 50% of COVID-19 cases now tested are of the B.1.1.7 variant. The limited research reports coming out indicate that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines that our Residents and staff have received should be fairly effective at protecting us against the original version of the virus and the range of variants emerging. Being fully vaccinated does not mean we are out to the woods and protected completely. Only time and our combined actions will tell.

We still must continue to wear our masks, distance from others and practice good hand hygiene. Vaccinations are readily available in Frederick and Maryland. If we can be of any assistance scheduling or sharing clinic locations, please ask and we will be glad to assist. I am unfortunately hearing of cases in nursing homes and other congregate settings where as the general community rate goes up, vaccinated residents and staff still contract the virus. Please continue to do your part to help Edenton be safe and healthy.

Our campus re-opening stage remains the same.

1. Continue to schedule visitation and rides for AL Residents and check in at the Manor House.
2. IL Resident dining services and activities remain the same. Please see the May schedules for more group activities and opportunities to gather together.

As always, if I can answer any question or provide you with information, please reach out to me or another member of our team.

Be well,

RaeAnn Butler

Administrator