

Good afternoon,

We are still in a holding pattern with no residents displaying flu like symptoms. I can't tell you what a relief it is each day for all of us that we can report this. In order to keep it that way we must maintain a lock down status.

Lock down status is tough. Like all of us here at the lodge all of you are likely feeling the void of your daily/weekly visits with your loved ones. We are blessed with such amazing residents that fill our days with lots of love and laughter. Yesterday we were fortunate to have one of our residents sit at the piano in the main lobby and just play. She is not a resident that would normally play in front of an audience, but she had a very captive group listening to her music. Those are the moments that help staff move forward.

We are working hard at not talking about all that is going on in the world right now as it can be extremely upsetting to many of our residents. We are focusing on positive conversations about life, family, etc. Our recreation program continues to do small activities with residents, one to one, movie time. Our video/FaceTime calls continue to be successful. The technology is a little confusing for some, but ultimately seeing a familiar face or hearing a familiar voice is so therapeutic for our residents.

As a team we are currently working on different ways that we can enhance connecting with your loved ones...stay tuned!

We are still working on plans for dining times honoring social distancing. This is not an easy task but we will soon have a process in place and will share with everyone.

Our Business Office wants to ensure that our staff are feeling supported. We had pizza day yesterday for all staff and it was a nice little break for everyone. We will continue with little things to support our staff during this lock down.

After Friday, schools will close and this will have a massive impact on our staff. We are doing everything we can to support our staff with child care. That may mean adjusting their hours so they can care for their children during the day and have staff switch hours that have grown kids, etc. With 140 plus staff the juggling will be difficult. As a facility we will do what we can to support our staff and their families.

Thank you for your wonderful responses and kind words to the emails. We are setting up a "Covid 19" station that staff can access important information, that includes a communication binder with all the messages we are sending to families and the responses. So keep your kind words coming it's very encouraging for all staff!

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact our Business Office, or myself or Alison.

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"Because when you stop and look around this life is pretty amazing" – author unknown

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