

Good evening,

We have one (1) resident in isolation today.

In Winnipeg, there was one new Covid 19 case to report for Tuesday May 5, 2020, the total in Manitoba remains at two hundred eighty two (282).

Families have reached out asking if they can have flowers delivered for Mother's Day? Absolutely! We have a process to receive packages/gifts through our lobby, sanitize and give to our residents.

We continue to move forward with our staffing adjustments. It is a little stressful for staff right now, we are working hard to support everyone through these necessary changes.

Residents were able to spend some time in the back pergola area today which is an absolute blessing! Recreation did several FaceTime calls. Morning exercises and reading today too!

A reminder to everyone...please ensure that you are booking FaceTime or phone time with Recreation. It has become nearly impossible for our nurses to be able to properly administer meds because of the phone calls that are coming into our facility in the evening hours. We are currently trying to figure out a process to allow some of the calls to transpire in the evenings and once we have it in place we will share. Until then, can you please whenever possible arrange calls during the day time hours. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

I often sit down to write these emails...and it feels a bit like the movie "Groundhog Day," I can literally hear Sonny & Cher singing on the alarm clock radio! I'm sure many of you receive my messages in the same way!

The more time that passes the more real it becomes to many of us at the lodge that this is our new normal for a long time to come. So we know that we can't just continue the way we are! We have to incorporate our families in different ways with our residents. It means thinking outside the box, it means being a little creative, silly...but ultimately it means creating memories for all of you to have with your loved ones that is more than a conversation through a window or phone call. We can't touch, we need to keep distant. But we all know that our residents love to watch all of us keep busy, have fun, laugh, and live. Our laughter brings genuine joy to their lives. There really are no guarantees for one single person ever. So we must move forward and provide our

residents with the best memories we can today and every single day they are with us.

In June of this year we were going to celebrate our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Family Garage Sale Farmers Market. Last year was a huge success, with over 3500 people walking through our celebrations! We were well underway with our plans when Covid 19 hit. So...do we just abandon all our plans? Seems like the right thing to do. But, what is summer going to look like for our residents, our facility, our families, our staff? We were blessed last year to have some AMAZING sponsors that committed last year to joining us this year! But we have cancelled, so now what?

We are still going to partner with one of our sponsors to do some amazing things for our families, staff and residents! Over the next eight (8) weeks you will see some creative, loving, fun things! We look forward to your support and we will include you in this journey!

Mother's Day is upon us and we will get started with some of our special surprises with all our moms! All of you mom's out there in email land, our staff and of course our FANTASTIC resident mothers will be included!

We know how hard this weekend will be for EVERYONE! We all walk this earth in part because of our mothers! So... our Recreation will be around all day Saturday and Sunday to make sure that all you are able to communicate with our residents. We are starting on Thursday pampering our mothers with some "social distancing" manicures and mini make overs followed by a photo shoot! Let's face it...none of us our getting to the salon these days so, we have to make it happen ourselves! We will take photo's to share with all of you! We also have some other special things planned for this weekend.

Covid 19 has changed our world. We can't go back, we can only move forward and embrace this new normal. At 2280 St. Mary's Road we have 88 reasons every single day to make sure we are doing the best we can to give everything we can to our residents that depend on us for everything! Those 88 reasons have all been through so much in their lives, they have seen famine, poverty, struggles, despair, joy, love, heartache, happiness, the list is endless. The wisdom that fills our facility from our residents is huge! They deserve nothing but joy at this point in their lives. So we will work everyday to make sure that is what they receive.

Stay tuned, we will share with everyone as we always do!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me or Alison at 204-257-9947.

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