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Greetings to All!

It has been some time since we sent the last email, as we have been waiting for additional guidance or re-opening plans from IDPH. We appreciate your patience as it has been slow in coming. We finally received some guidance late last week from the Illinois Department of Public Health entitled Outdoor Visitation Guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities. These guidelines supersede the vehicle visit guidance that was sent out to you in May. The general parameters for Outdoor Visits are listed below:

- The visit will occur outdoors (or in the garage in the case of inclement weather).
- There must be no physical contact; chairs will be placed by staff for residents and families for appropriate social distancing.
- The visit must be scheduled M-F with the Resident Services Director (Rob – Linden, Brenda – Oakwood)
- Our staff are instructed not to allow visitor entry, hence the visit must be scheduled with the RSD.
- The guardian/family member will be screened outside (temperature taken, series of questions regarding symptoms/exposure).
- A facemask is required; we can provide one during the screening process if needed.
- Staff must be present intermittently during the visit to ensure safety guidelines.
- Please do not visit if you have any symptoms or recent exposure to COVID-19.
- If you bring food for the visit, we will need to modify it according to the resident's prescribed diet orders.
- The focus is to take a step toward restoring family/resident contact while keeping everyone safe.

You may already be aware that Day Programs (TCRC and EP!C) will be closed through August 31st. TCRC is planning to start (in July) some virtual curriculum activities via ZOOM for residents to participate in. The most recent communication from the Illinois Department of Human Services states they expect Day Programs to re-open in September, but services will likely look different in order to be safe.

We will stay in touch and keep you informed as we are able to make further changes.

Take care, and thank you for your ongoing prayers for the health and safety of residents and staff.

Thank you,

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