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Greetings to All:

Illinois Department of Public Health released long awaited guidance for the reopening of long term care facilities like ours. It contained a lot of information, and we have spent quite a bit of time understanding what it means for Oakwood Estate and Linden Estate today and moving forward. The basic points are listed below.

- Based on the IDPH guidance, as of today Oakwood and Linden are in what they are calling CMS Phase 2 for reopening. Unfortunately, it does not allow for visits to family homes.
- This actually has little impact or change on what we are currently doing, but it positions us to move to the next phase once certain criteria are met.
- It allows for outdoor visitation to continue, but does not yet provide for indoor visits or home visits.
- There is a combination of things that need to occur locally and internally before we will be able to move to the next phase.
- In the next phase (CMS Phase 3), we would start to allow indoor visitation in a controlled setting.
- We will keep you posted as things change, but in all likelihood it will be several weeks or more until further changes are possible.
- One of the benchmarks is for our local positivity rates to decrease for at least 14 days. Those rates have been steadily increasing since July.
- In the interim, we welcome your SKYPE or outdoor visits with your loved one. Parameters and scheduling instructions that you are familiar with are listed below.
 1. *The visit will occur outdoors (or in the garage in the case of inclement weather).*
 2. *There must be no physical contact; chairs will be placed by staff for residents and families for appropriate social distancing.*
 3. *The visit must be scheduled M-F with the Resident Services Director (Rob – Linden, Brittany – Oakwood)*
 4. *Our staff are instructed not to allow visitor entry, hence the visit must be scheduled with the RSD.*
 5. *The guardian/family member will be screened outside (temperature taken, series of questions regarding symptoms/exposure).*
 6. *A facemask is required; we can provide one during the screening process if needed.*
 7. *Staff must be present intermittently during the visit to ensure safety guidelines.*
 8. *Please do not visit if you have any symptoms or recent exposure to COVID-19.*
 9. *If you bring food for the visit, we will need to modify it according to the resident's prescribed diet orders.*
 10. *The focus is to take a step toward restoring family/resident contact while keeping everyone safe.*

Thank you for your continued patience and prayers as we continue to work through this difficult time.

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