

SUNNYSIDE MANOR

The Area's Premier Family Owned & Operated Senior Living Community

November 20, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members and Resident Representatives,

Thankfully we have not received any positive test results since our last communication to you. As we mentioned earlier this week, we'd like to share some of our plans to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with our residents. We recognize the challenges of not being able to spend this holiday with our families, and we are doing everything in our power to make this a very special day for all.

First off, all neighborhoods will be provided with novelty Thanksgiving hats, headbands, and eyewear for staff and residents. Decorations will be hung for all to see. The entire community will look and feel festive. Our Activities staff will be throughout the building to encourage our residents to participate in doorway celebrations. Our nursing aids will set up our residents so that they can enjoy the hallway activities while eating their Thanksgiving Day meal. All departments will be actively engaged to promote FUN!

Here's a little more information that's specific to each neighborhood:

Recollections. Because this neighborhood is comprised of some people who can manage in-room activities and some who cannot, we will be providing small group activities as well as in-room visits. The Activities staff will center all events around a Thanksgiving theme such as "Drumstick Kickball", Turkey Bingo, Small Group/Individual Holiday conversations, and Thanksgiving Word Games. Activities and Food Service staff will provide added support to the nursing staff where needed, especially during meal times. Festive music will be played throughout the day to spark those long-term memories that fill all hearts with joy.

Skilled Nursing. Our Activities staff will assist residents with their televisions to tune in to the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Once the round of happy holiday "Good Mornings" are complete, a coffee and treat traveling in-room cart will be delivered with the accompaniment of acoustic guitar melodies played by Greg from the kitchen. The afternoon makes way for Turkey Bingo, Thanksgiving Day Charades, "Over the River and Through the Woods" Story Time with active listening and body movements, and Word Games for Turkey Day. Late afternoon will leave everyone feeling ready for a traveling cart of apple cider mocktails and sweet treats from the kitchen.

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Assisted Living. A round of “Happy Holiday, Good Morning” greetings will be accompanied with a traveling coffee and hot cocoa cart, while encouraging all residents to participate in Holiday Doorway Festivities. All residents will be provided standing tray tables so that those looking to participate can enjoy the Turkey Day fun! The Activities Department will work closely with the Food Service Department to choreograph a wine cart before the Thanksgiving Feast lunch meal. Every tray will receive a little surprise (Shooter of Bailey’s and a scratch-off) handed out by Miss Plymouth Rock herself (Jamie from the kitchen), as well as a Thanksgiving placemat to enhance the dining experience. Greg will travel the halls during the meal with the acoustic melodies of holidays past. The afternoon will be open to traveling hallway games such as Thanksgiving Bingo, Turkey Day Scratch-Offs (prizes will be holiday wine baskets), Thanksgiving Charades, and Holiday Trivia.

We want to make sure everyone in our community is aware of our special plans and is encouraged to participate. To help facilitate this, we will be sending every resident a “formal invite” from the Keane family, encouraging Holiday Doorway Festivities.

We’ll be taking plenty of pictures to share our festivities with families and friends. We’d like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

The Keane Family