



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

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Dear Residents, Family Members and Resident Representatives,

We are pleased to report that we have not had any additional residents or staff members test positive for COVID-19. Assuming we continue to remain free of COVID-19, our Independence 'Plus' Assisted Living and Recollections neighborhoods will be out of outbreak status next Friday. (Our Skilled Nursing neighborhood is not in outbreak status.) This means we will be able to resume activities such as outside entertainment and hairdresser services.

On another positive note, Walgreens has accepted our request to have a COVID-19 booster vaccine clinic at Sunnyside Manor. We are thrilled to receive this news, as it streamlines the process of providing the Pfizer COVID-19 booster to our residents and staff members.

Lastly, we've received some questions about our policy that asks all visitors to receive a BinaxNOW COVID-19 Rapid test when they enter Sunnyside to visit a loved one, regardless of their vaccination status. As we've stated, we started this policy because we believe a vaccinated visitor brought the virus into Sunnyside. Since visitors do not wear facemasks when alone with a resident, the virus can be easily transmitted to a resident, even from a vaccinated person. We expect our testing process will continue as long as the CALI (COVID-19 Activity Level Index) remains elevated in this geographical region. Currently, the CALI in this region is High (orange).

Besides the obvious intention of keeping our residents safe from COVID-19, our testing policy will hopefully decrease the likelihood of having to suspend visitation again. In other words, this policy is intended to benefit (1) the residents, by keeping them safe and allowing them to continue activities such as dining and socializing with their friends as well as enjoying visits from loved ones and, (2) the family members and other loved ones, by allowing them to continue their visits with our residents. We realize testing is inconvenient and time consuming, and we hope you understand that we are doing this for the benefit of you and your resident loved one.

Please don't hesitate to share any comments, concerns or questions. Thank you for your ongoing support. We are all in this together.

Regards,

The Keane Family

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