



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

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Dear Residents, Family Members and Resident Representatives,

We're happy to report that we haven't received any further positive test results for COVID-19. This week, we attended several information sessions about the omicron variant, and we've learned more about this highly contagious virus. For example, studies have shown that the number of people infected with the omicron variant is expected to double every two to three days. Although this transmission rate is alarmingly high, we have also learned that people do not tend to become as sick with this variant. We've also learned that a person who has received the COVID-19 booster has two to three times more protection against the variant than a person who has received the first two doses of the vaccine without the booster. Based on this, we urge you and your loved one to get the booster as soon as possible.

The COVID-10 Activity Level Index (CALI) for the entire State of New Jersey is currently orange ("high"). In keeping with the CDC and NJ Department of Health guidelines, we will begin testing all visitors, regardless of vaccination status, for COVID-19. Although everything we have learned about omicron gives us reason to believe it is inevitable that a resident or staff member will eventually become infected with the omicron variant, we have the responsibility to do everything in our power to keep this virus out of our building.

As we mentioned last week, we've installed Accushield Sign-In Health Screening Kiosks in order to streamline the screening process for residents, visitors and staff members. We're still in the process of ironing out the kinks, and we appreciate your patience as we work through the process.

Lastly, I'm sure some of you will be taking your resident loved one out for a Christmas meal. Like other holidays, we ask that you let us know in advance if you are planning on this. If possible, we request that tell us by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week so we can plan accordingly.

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

Regards,

The Keane Family

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