

# SUNNYSIDE MANOR

*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 share that we don't have any additional cases of COVID to report. After we reported a positive case in last week's letter in our Recollections neighborhood, we conducted two rounds of resident testing and have not received any positive test results. COVID activity remains high in the area, so we don't have a sense that we are out of the woods yet.

We attended a conference call this week with other senior living operators that focused on the impact of COVID in our nursing homes and assisted living communities. There's a growing belief among operators that some of the rules related to COVID in senior living communities have not been updated to reflect the changes that have taken place over the past two and a half years since COVID began. Senior living communities have a lower infection rate than the outside community, thanks primarily to infection control policies and high vaccination rates. In addition, the COVID mortality rate in senior living facilities is extremely low. The majority of our infected residents have had no symptoms or mild symptoms. Despite this, we are required to follow strict facemask policies while masks are not required in the outside community. There's been an effort by the senior living industry to convince the CDC to make facemasks optional in senior living communities that aren't experiencing outbreaks. The staffing shortage in the senior living industry has added to an already difficult situation, and requiring employees to wear facemasks doesn't help in staff recruitment. We thought this update might be of interest to you, and we'd like to learn your thoughts on the matter.

We hope you have an enjoyable and safe weekend, and we thank you all for your ongoing support.

Regards,

The Keane Family

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