

CHOCTAW RESIDENTIAL CENTER
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March 12, 2020
RE: CORONAVIRUS

Dear Resident Representative:

With recent news about the Coronavirus, you as family members may have some questions or concerns. Coronavirus is a new virus that causes respiratory illness. There are no confirmed or probable cases of the virus at our facility at this time. Because this is a new virus, information can change as we learn more. As always, we continue to follow proper health and safety precautions to ensure the wellbeing of our residents.

For more information you can visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. A new viral outbreak is scary but panic should not occur. If we take strong measures now, we may be able to reduce the impact of the virus. Educating yourself and your family will greatly reduce panic and anxiety while aiding to prevent the spread of infection. The clinical presentation of Coronavirus includes a range of symptoms, from light coughing to severe pneumonia resulting in death. Fever, coughing and shortness of breath are most common. Symptoms usually appear from two days to two weeks after exposure. Although there is uncertainty on the issue of "asymptomatic transmission: (if an infected person can spread the virus. Before they get sick and start coughing, etc.), it is unlikely to contribute symptoms like fever and cough.

OUR PLAN:

Our plan includes no visiting at this time. We encourage you to call the facility to speak with your family member. We will be screening all our staff upon entrance to the facility. Any staff member with positive symptoms will be declined entry. We realize this may be an inconvenience but feel it is best in light of the potential danger to our residents. We ask that you pass this information on to all your family and friends as well.

Per recommendations of the CDC, all non-emergent appointments will be cancelled. Also, all outside group activities have been cancelled. We will continue to provide in-house activities to our residents.

We have educated our staff on early recognition of respiratory symptoms. We have also educated on infection control measures and are monitoring infection control processes within the facility.

We would remind everyone to follow proper hygiene etiquette during the cold and flu season. This includes proper hand washing with soap and water or the use of alcohol gel, covering you mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and staying home when you are sick.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Gay Flake, Administrator

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