

March 13, 2020

Mt. Macrina Manor
520 West Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401

RE: UPDATE on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

To Our Residents and Family Members:

Our community is diligently keeping abreast of all changes and guidance regarding the Coronavirus. We are working with all the appropriate agencies on a daily basis as necessary. **At this time, there are no confirmed cases in our community.** However, as cases of this virus are confirmed throughout the country and in areas of Pennsylvania, we continue evaluating our plans and want to do our part to mitigate the risk. We are identifying the best way to minimize exposure and that includes taking a more aggressive stance to visitation.

Our well defined plans are based on many considerations, including the recommendations from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health, Department of Human Services and many other stakeholders.

For younger and healthy people, this virus may not have serious implications; but for the elderly, this is a very serious matter. We take our commitment to care very seriously. Therefore, we are taking measures to now restrict visitation to ONLY ESSENTIAL visits.

- For family members and friends of residents who live in our community, we are restricting non-essential visitation. Exceptions to this visitation of non-essential is listed below:
 - immediate family of residents who are at the end stage of life or have a critical or time sensitive condition,
 - family members in need of education to support a safe discharge, and
 - family members who need to complete medical or admission authorizations
- The above situations are ESSENTIAL visits. These visits still require our complete screening process as we have implemented several days ago. For essential visits, you still must get screened at our front reception area.
- Essential visitation will need to be approved by management on a case by case basis.
- This restricted visiting hours measure begins today, March 13, 2020 at 8:00pm and will be for a 14 day period , then re-evaluated.

- All co-workers and essential visitors granted access to the community will be required to wash their hands upon entering the building and directed to the nearest handwashing station.
- Our community's activities and group functions, such as church services, musical activities, parties etc. will be limited to only our residents.
- Activities for our residents will be limited to on site activities
- Resident care plan and support plan meetings will be held via conference calls.
- External physician appointments will be maintained if those visits are essential. If there are appointments that can be safely postponed, we will do so and notify the family member accordingly
- In house physician visits are considered essential
- Hospice visits are considered essential
- Any resident leaves of absence would have to be approved or disapproved on a case by case basis

We do recognize that restricting visitation has negative effects on the residents, families and visitors. We are encouraging and facilitating other ways that might be utilized, such as telephone, email, text, facetime, videoconferencing, etc.

We will be posting updates routinely to our website and facebook page.

This was a difficult decision. The decision is solely based on protection of the community and all those that we commit to care for on a daily basis. You may contact Mt. Macrina at your convenience at 724-437-1400 and ask to speak to Marianne Dougherty, Interim Administrator.

With Sincerity,

Mt. Macrina Management Team