



WEEKLY UPDATE

October 21, 2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

As of today, we must report that 2 staff members have tested positive for Covid-19. This brings our total patients testing positive for COVID-19 to four and total staff members testing positive to 8. Currently 5 staff members are considered active cases and 1 patient is considered to be an active case. Our staff continues to practice the enhanced safety precautions we have previously reported to you through our website and we are closely monitoring the recommendations of our federal, state and local health officials regarding all aspects COVID-19 from mass testing to visitation recommendations. As a part of this, we will be testing 100% of staff and patients again this week and next as a precaution at the direction of NM DOH.

As you know, we have been preparing to safely allow visitors at our facility and we are so excited to for you to see your loved ones. As we previously reported, there are many factors that determine when a facility can open up for visitors, up to and including our county's COVID-19 positivity rate, residents' health status, or if there is a COVID outbreak in the facility. As the number of reported Covid-19 Cases grows in New Mexico restrictions have been reimplemented throughout the state. At this time, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"), the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") and our state health officials are still requiring we restrict social visitation and only allow essential personnel in the facility due to our active cases of Covid-19.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you are needing to bring anything to your loved one, please bring it by the front office, we will then hand deliver it to your loved one. We ask that it is non-perishable, in a sealed box or bag, and labeled with your loved one's name.

We understand how difficult it has been to not see and visit your loved ones over the past several months and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. We will update everyone when we are cleared to proceed with outside visitation. Until it is safe to allow visitors, please remember that we encourage you to stay in touch with your loved ones through video chats, emails, letters, and phone calls. Please let us know if you are having trouble connecting with your loved one and we will be more than happy to facilitate your communication. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly 575-623-6008.

Sincerely,
The Casa Maria Team