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53 Walter Street | Ewing, NJ 08628

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To Our Residents, Family Members and Staff

It is with great disappointment that I must inform you that three residents have tested positive for COVID-19. We are unsure how the residents contracted the virus as no staff members who worked over the weekend have tested positive. All three residents are up-to-date with their vaccinations and one resident is hospitalized.

Once again, communal dining is on hold and group activities are restricted to small groups socially distanced.

It is very disheartening to have to report this news. And I suspect this will not be the last time I have to do so.

Again, I have included our *Core Principles* regarding infection prevention. Following these guidelines is the only way we can prevent the COVID virus from infecting our residents. And I urge you not to visit Greenwood House if you have symptoms of any illness or have been exposed to someone who is ill.

We continue to follow basic infection control measures, including social distancing, hand hygiene, and source control masks. This applies to all residents and staff, including those who are up-to-date with their vaccinations or recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days.

When you come to visit your loved one, you are not to be anywhere but their room or in a designated area approved by a staff member.

So please review the ***CORE PRINCIPLES of COVID-19 Infection Prevention*** below. We continue to ask that you use sound judgement before visiting at Greenwood House. Please monitor yourself for signs and symptoms of COVID and do not visit if you have had exposure to someone positive for the virus.

If you visit Greenwood House, you **MUST** follow the ***Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention***.

As a reminder, the *Core Principles* are as follows:

1. Screening of all who enter our center for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions or observations about signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms
2. Hand Hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
3. Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) (see below)
4. Social distancing at least six feet between persons which means no more than two visitors in a resident's room
5. Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)

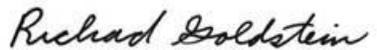
6. Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit
7. Appropriate staff and visitor use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
8. Effective cohorting of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated to COVID-19 care)
9. Resident and staff testing as required under 42 CFR 483.80(h)

Please note that New Jersey has not mandated visitor testing at this time although we would recommend testing before entering the building.

We are testing all staff and residents twice weekly.

***Note: Visitors who are unable to adhere to the *Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention* will not be permitted to visit or will be asked to leave.**

Sincerely,



Richard Goldstein
Executive Director
Greenwood House

