June 8, 2023
To Our Residents, Family Members and Staff

I am writing to you today to share good news, we were informed by NJDOH, our facility is out of an outbreak from COVID!
Our residents are enjoying dining with each other and participating in group activities!
Spring-time is coming to an end and we are looking forward to those hazy hot days of summer soon to be upon us!

As you are aware the pandemic health emergency has been discontinued!
We ask that you continue to complete the visitor’s log for signs and symptoms. We have discontinued temperature taking but will check temperature if requested or you are experiencing symptoms, at which time we may ask, that you not visit. We would be happy to assist with an alternate way to visit until you are feeling better.
Face masks are optional for visitors. Our staff however, will be utilizing face mask with direct resident care.

Greenwood House will be following the CDC’s Interim Guidance for preventative measures and the New Jersey Public Health Advisory report of hospital admissions related to COVID. This report will keep us current to the number of COVID cases and when it may be necessary to implement preventative steps to promote our residents’ well-being.
As a reminder, if you are not vaccinated or not update with vaccine boosters, please consider for yourself and for our residents.

We will 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.

Again, 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. Appropriate staff and visitor use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when necessary.
4. Effective cohorting of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated to COVID-19 care) if the need presents.
5. Resident Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) (see below) will only be followed if the resident is exhibiting symptoms.
6. Social distancing at least six feet between persons which means no more than two visitors in a resident’s room, only if it is necessary (during COVID-19 infection)
7. Only when in an Outbreak! Instructional signage will be displayed in the facility and 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),
8. Hand hygiene, washing your hands or use of hand sanitizer, dispensers are located throughout the facility for your convenience.
9. Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility will continue daily.

For the safety of all, visitors who do not adhere to the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention will not be permitted to visit and will be asked to leave.

Sincerely,

Richard Goldstein
Executive Director
Greenwood House