



SKILLED NURSING | ASSISTED LIVING
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53 Walter Street | Ewing, NJ 08628

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To Our Residents, Family Members and Staff

An update to our current COVID-19 outbreak;

As you may know, there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the State. Since our last update from Friday, November 10, 2023, I must report that Greenwood House Skilled Nursing has 19 additional residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 for a total of 22 positive residents, but no new positive staff members. Please note, all are up-to-date with all vaccination requirements. We wish everyone a speedy recovery. At this time, additional precautions including the wearing of facial masks has been made mandatory in our skilled nursing facility.

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. I urge you not to visit Greenwood House if you have symptoms of any illness or have been exposed to someone who is ill.

When you are visiting, **you must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer**. Hand sanitizers are located throughout the facility, as well as face masks. Also, please complete the visitor's screening log for signs and symptoms. Temperature taking has discontinued but we 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 you with an alternative way to visit until you are feeling better. Please be aware when you are completing the screening information, there is an informed consent explaining that you may be at risk for exposure of COVID-19 due to the outbreak. The receptionist will be available to assist you if you should have any questions.

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-to-date with vaccine boosters, please consider it for yourself and for our residents.

We are continuing with the CORE **PRINCIPLES of COVID-19 Infection Prevention** listed below. Please consider our residents and make your judgement before visiting Greenwood House. Monitor yourself for signs and symptoms of COVID and do not visit if you have had exposure to someone positive for the virus.

When 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., questions or observations about signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms,
2. Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose).
3. 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, etc.)
4. Hand Hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred).
5. Appropriate staff and visitor use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
6. Effective cohorting of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated to COVID-19 care) if the need presents.
7. Hand hygiene, washing your hands or use of hand sanitizer, dispensers are located throughout the facility for your convenience.
8. 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