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53 Walter Street | Ewing, NJ 08628

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To Our Residents, Family Members and Staff

We wanted to provide you with the latest update on the COVID-19 outbreak at Greenwood House.

As of today, we have six (6) additional residents who tested positive for COVID-19. All residents to date are recovering well and will be off of isolation by January 8, 2024.

**Please note**, On January 9<sup>th</sup> we are scheduled to have a COVID-19 and RSV Vaccine Clinic.

We wish to be able to have as many residents vaccinated as appropriate. In order to achieve our goal, Consent Forms are required to be completed prior to vaccination or a verbal consent is also acceptable. Please call the nursing station where your loved one resides, ask for the unit manager for any questions or to provide a verbal consent.

Please be aware for visiting, 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.

At this time, additional precautions including the wearing of facial masks has been made mandatory in our skilled nursing facility. When you are visiting, **you must wear a face mask and use hand sanitizer**. Hand sanitizers are located throughout the facility, as well as face masks. Our staff will be utilizing face masks with direct resident care.

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.

Greenwood House is following the CDC's Interim Guidance for preventative measures, and the monitoring of 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.**

As a reminder, the Core Principles (Prevention Measure) 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. Hand Hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred).
3. Appropriate staff and visitor use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required.
4. Effective isolation/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. 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, etc.)
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.**

**Wishing you and your loved ones, a Happy and Safe Holiday!**

Sincerely,



Richard Goldstein  
Executive Director  
Greenwood House