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Happy New Year! May 2022 bring about the end of COVID-19 and all of its variants!

Like everywhere else, the last two weeks has been very busy with COVID-19 positive staff in all programs. We are thankful that we have had no positive cases with any of our residents or tenants. Testing of staff, residents and tenants continues at least twice weekly.

Outagamie Public Health has seen more cases recently than at any other time during this pandemic. This morning's count of positive COVID residents in Outagamie County was the highest ever! Unfortunately, that mirrors what we are seeing with our staff, also. The holidays and their gatherings have been favorable for the spread of the virus.

With all our programs in outbreak, we are attempting to ensure safety, while ensuring residents and tenants still have access to activity programming, dining together (at least 6' apart) and allowing visitation.

Visitation can be a bit challenging to facilitate, as everyone in a party must have at least 6' between them. Therefore, it is typical that only two visitors can visit at one time to ensure that social distancing is maintained. Masking is mandatory for all parties.

Please know that should you choose to visit a program that is in outbreak, there is the potential that you could be exposed to the virus. On the flip side, please do not visit if you have symptoms, even mild symptoms of COVID. The number of visitors that have tested positive at our doors prior to entering the facility is substantial.

All visitors will be rapid tested before entering any of our programs. If a rapid test is refused, visitors can choose an outdoor visit, or wear full personal protective equipment (gloves, gown, eye protection and a mask).

Visitation can be arranged through your regular contact, or by calling the COVID phone at 920-228-1888. Please remember that due to visitation guidelines of mandatory social distancing, visitation areas are limited (simply due to size of visiting areas). An appointment assures you that visitation space will be available. We request a 48-hour notice for all visits, please.

As always, please continue to pray for Good Shepherd and our nation.

Thank you.

Deb Captain

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