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Dear Residents, Families, and Staff

Schofield Residence was notified today September 11, 2020, that a contracted employee who worked on Monday, September 7th tested positive for COVID 19 (Coronavirus).

Upon learning of the positive test, Schofield Residence immediately contacted both the county and state health department officials and are working collaboratively under their guidance. As a precautionary measure any residents who this contracted employee had contact with on Monday, September 7th has been notified, and has been put on precautions for fourteen days, and will continue to be monitored. Our nursing staff continues to monitor all residents each shift for respiratory signs and symptoms, including taking temperatures. In following the new guidelines set forth by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) we are now required to test all residents when the facility has a positive employee or resident case, with resident/responsible party consent this testing will begin today.

Unfortunately, under the guidelines set forth by the Department of Health our patio visits will have to cease for twenty-eight (28) days, or until October, 09, 2020. We understand how difficult this is for our residents as well as families, and encourage you to continue to contact our Activities Department to set up, window visits, face time calls, as well as phone calls. Activities can be reached directly at (716) 436-6333.

Ensuring our residents and staff have a safe and healthy environment is our top priority. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has set forth a variety of steps that Schofield had previously implemented to protect our residents and staff. These recommendations include, among other things, strict infection control and prevention initiatives, stringent handwashing procedures, screening of all individuals – including staff – that are permitted to enter our Residence. Additionally, all health care workers adhere to the guidance issued by the CDC and DOH for transmission-based precautions in caring for our residents.

We want to assure you that we are taking all necessary steps to protect our residents, staff, and our surrounding community. We will continue to update you as we have additional information, should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (716) 436-6303.

Sincerely,

Olivia Rozycki, LNHA
Administrator