COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Residents and Family Members:

I am pleased to report that we have had no "COVID positive" results for any resident or staff persons this week! In addition, the Governor reported that the total number of New York State COVID-19 hospitalizations continues to remain low, and the positivity rate is still less than one percent this week. We are hopeful this trend continues so we will be eligible for visitation resumption soon.

In the meantime, join us for our **Family Fall Festival Car Parade** which will take place on Saturday, September 26. Staff revisited our original walking parade plan, and in the interest of physical distancing, switched gears to a car parade—so please be creative and jazz up your cars using fall-themed decorations. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m., with cars starting to line up at 10 a.m. We will be providing some snacks for all after the parade. If you are interested in participating while your loved ones watch, please RSVP to Carolyn at your earliest convenience. Also, please contact the Recreation Department **at Ext. 231 or 845-235-8231 by 4 p.m. today** to schedule your Window and FaceTime visits this weekend.

As always, our Director of Nursing, Nurse Managers, and our Social Workers are available for any resident-specific questions or concerns. For general COVID-19 information, you can visit the Centers for Disease Control or the NYS DOH websites.

On this day 19 years ago, New York experienced a tragedy that brought the entire nation to its knees. Today, we are in the midst of another crisis--a pandemic that, like 9/11, has been marked by tremendous loss. New Yorkers are known for their resilience, and while we never forgot that day 19 years ago, we came together, and we rebounded. None of us will forget the year 2020—the year of COVID-19—but we'll rebound again! We will come together by staying apart! Be safe, practice physical distancing whenever you are able, and continue to wear your masks!

Patricia Ludington, RN Administrator