

November 16, 2020

Dear McGuire Memorial Families, Guardians, and Caretakers:

I hope that this correspondence finds all of you healthy and safe. As you know, McGuire Memorial is steadfast and vigilant in our response to COVID-19, and we have been very successful in isolating & neutralizing the spread of COVID-19 amongst our residents & staff. We will do whatever is necessary to keep all of our residents and staff healthy & safe during this pandemic.

I am writing to inform all of you that we are seeing increased positivity rates of COVID-19 in our community and amongst our staff, including a new resident case within the ICF/ID. (Current COVID counts across all McGuire Memorial programs are available on our website and updated weekly.) Please be assured that all of the necessary precautions, safeguards, and isolation protocols to further mitigate the risk of exposure & spread have been implemented in accordance with our response plan and the recommended guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control, the Office of Developmental Programs, and the PA Department of Health.

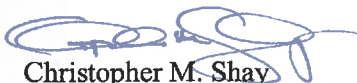
Unfortunately, in accordance with the regulatory guidelines & recommendations that govern our programs: all visitation/offsite visitations are suspended at minimum for the next 14 days due to COVID-19 cases or the potential exposure to COVID-19. I realize that we are a week away from Thanksgiving, and Christmas is just around the corner and the timing for all of this is less than desirable. I simply ask for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time as we are doing everything in the best interest of health & safety of all.

Please note: any families who insist on taking their loved ones home for the holidays need to understand that it must be for a minimum of 14 days with a negative COVID-19 test received prior to your loved ones return to the main site or any one of our respective community homes. Based on current testing turnaround times, we recommend having the test administered on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the respective leave of absence; whereas, results can take up to 72-96 hours. (McGuire may be able to assist and/or provide you with the necessary COVID-19 testing prior to your loved ones return.)

Lastly, we would like to receive your feedback on the prospects of a COVID-19 vaccine. It is only a matter of time when a safe & approved vaccine becomes available across our nation, and McGuire will be amongst the many Long Term Care type facilities who will be obligated to offer and/or administer the vaccine based on the respective recommendations/mandates from the Centers for Disease Control, the Office of Developmental Programs, and the PA Department of Health. In the interim, if you happen to speak to one of our respective QIDP's, Program Specialists, Nurses, or a Program Director – please let them know your feeling on any prospective vaccinations. **(\*Please Note: This is just an inquiry! NOTHING will ever be administered without notification and written consent.)**

I wish each of you and your families a peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving. Please stay healthy and safe and thank you for your continued trust in McGuire Memorial – God Bless!

Sincerely,



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