## COVID-19 UPDATE

May 20, 2020

To all family and community members:

We are now entering the third month of the coronavirus pandemic. While we are encouraged to see things slowly reopening in Blair County, we do not have a definite timetable of when our restrictions to the nursing home will be lifted. The last two months have been very difficult for all of us - our residents, their families, and our staff. However, by working together, we continue to keep our residents, who are at greater risk, safe and healthy.

To minimize any potential risk of spreading the virus, The Village will continue to follow the recommended guidelines from the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. All restrictions will remain the same at this time, including visitation and any drop-off items for our residents.

For many of you, being seperated from your loved ones for this amount of time can cause some fear and anxiety concerning their health and well being. Please know that our staff is not only committed to the health and safety of our residents, but also to filling their days with companionship and happiness. Our Activities Department has implemented a list of daily activities for our residents while continuing to adhere to social distancing. Weekly bingo games, afternoon crafts, and Monday manicures take place on the individual units. The coffee and ice cream carts are wheeled throughout the facility. Live church services and an interactive Bible study are being broadcast on our community channel. These are just a few of the things that are happening each week. And of course, we continue to facilitate video calls with family members and friends as well as individual pastors.

The way in which we provide social interaction and activities for our residents has changed, but our ministry of caring for the whole person has not. We will continue to enrich the spiritual, emotional, social, intellecual, and physical lives of each resident.

If you would like to schedule a video call with your loved one, please contact our Activities Department to make arrangements at 814-793-2104 ext. 2212. In any end-of life situations, The Village will be in continuous contact with a resident's family.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns - 814-793-2104.

Sincerely,

Kelly Steele Long-Term Care Administrator

