

Scandia Village Visitor Restrictions

March 16 2020

New directives from the CDC and Centers for Medicare/Medicaid (CMS) have gone into place at Scandia Village. All group activities, group meals throughout the facility have been cancelled. Activities, shopping trips occurring outside the facility for the Assisted Living and Independent Living have been cancelled as well. Each area of the facility is quarantined from the other. We are working with our local EMS, local grocers and other volunteers to assist us in providing groceries, etc for our Independent Living Residents who depend on the Scand Bus to take them shopping.

All entrances except for the Front Main Entrance have been locked to the outside. (Our staff and residents can get out in case of emergency.) ALL visits, except those related to End of Life, those required by Law, or to maintain the emotional well being of a Resident are prohibited. The few visitors that are allowed to come in must pass a health screen and wear protective equipment (mask, gloves, gown).

It is very unfortunate that over the weekend several community members (several of them from our faith communities) chose to enter the facility, refuse the health screening and protective equipment, to visit their loved one. These actions put our vulnerable population at risk and has prompted us to **LOCK ALL DOORS TO OUTSIDE VISITORS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS HOURS AND THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.** (Again, we can get out in case of emergency.)

Please communicate with your communities the critical importance of keeping our vulnerable population safe. If family members, friends, etc feel the need to communicate with their loved one there are appropriate ways to do that. Please instruct them to call us (920-854-2317) to make arrangements. And assure them that if we feel a visit is urgent or necessary we will contact family immediately.

Continue to keep us in your prayers. Now more than ever we need God's gracious wisdom, God's peace that passes all understanding and the strength of God's loving presence. And may you and your congregations remain healthy and safe.

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