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### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Resident / Representative:

This letter is to provide you with an update on the status of events at the Home. At the current time, 99% of our residents and staff have been vaccinated. We have started providing the Pfizer booster vaccines to residents and staff and will provide the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines as soon as they become available. The Westchester County positivity rate at the current time is 1.2% and there is a downward trend in this statistic.

The safety and well-being of our residents continue to be our top priority, and we continue to work with federal, state, and regional health authorities on preventing the coronavirus from taking a foothold in our facility. While we have not had a staff positive case in over a month, we have had two COVID-19 positive residents over the past month, and as a result we have had outbreak testing which continues to date.

The Home's visitation policy/schedule has been very liberal in order for as many family members as possible to visit their loved ones at their convenience. Over the **Thanksgiving (November 25, 2021)**, **Christmas (December 25, 2021)** and **New Year (January 1, 2022)** holidays, we would like family members to schedule their visits in advance (regular and compassionate) to allow for the facility to anticipate the number of visitors to expect and ensure that visits occur promptly. Please note that visits will be on a first come first served basis. For your convenience visitation times are posted below:

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>10:00 am – 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>10:00 am – 8:00 pm</b> (the last visit is at p.m.)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>10:00 am – 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>10:00 am – 8:00 pm</b> (the last visit is at 7pm)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>10:00 am – 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>11:00 am – 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>11:00 am – 5:30 pm</b>

Please note the following resident meals times so that you may plan your visit accordingly: lunch is from 11:45 am - 12:45 pm and dinner is from 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm daily.

Please call the Recreation Department at 914 788 6056 to schedule visits for the dates listed above. Families may also send emails to [Montrose.VA-Visitation@nysvets.org](mailto:Montrose.VA-Visitation@nysvets.org) to schedule visits. We will respond within 72 hours and ask for at least 5 days' notice from the families for the requested day/time.

Visits will be for one hour, with the first visit at 10:00 am, and last visit at 4:30 pm. Evening visits will occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays as delineated above. Two adults may visit at one time and two children who are able to wear masks for the duration of the visit may accompany the adults.

As always, please contact your Social Worker if you have any questions or require further assistance.

Sincerely,

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