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Greetings!

Another year of the pandemic is closing in on us! In many of your lives' COVID may seem remote. We have not seen significant changes in health care since the beginning of the pandemic. We continue to go into outbreak for a single staff, resident or tenant positive result. N95 masks are still the norm for us, as are goggles and face-shields. We are thankful that the current strains of the virus are providing fairly mild symptoms for most of our staff, tenants and residents.

All of our recent positive tenants and residents were exposed by either visitors or while out at a health care visit. Please keep this risk in mind when you are visiting, or taking your loved ones to a medical visit. Masking, sanitizing hands and social distancing are still our primary defense in keeping residents and tenants safe. We are still required to isolate our folks for 10 days in the event of an infection. Being isolated for 10 days is not fun for anyone!

For the first years of the pandemic, Good Shepherd used a dedicated phone line for COVID outbreak information and potential restricted visitation in programs. We have retired that phone as visitation is now available without scheduling, screening or testing.

Our activity staff have been busy! Are you watching our Facebook page? Our Veteran's Day program was terrific! The staff are planning great things for the impending holidays (can you believe Thanksgiving is just a little more than a week away....and Christmas just weeks away!). We are hoping that the holiday gatherings do not spike infections, as in previous years. Again, please keep safe practices in mind when you visit, or take out your family members. Mask, social distance and hand sanitize!

From all of us at Good Shepherd, we wish you a joyous and blessed holiday season.

As always, please continue to pray for Good Shepherd and our nation.

Deb Captain

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