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UPDATE TO PARENTS 5/26/20

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With our first resident testing positive for COVID19 on campus we would like to take this opportunity to outline our policies and the steps we are taking to prevent further spread of the virus. We have developed our policies after consultation with the Putnam County Department of Health.

- Per current policy, positive residents will need to return home. They will be permitted to return, following the end of their quarantine period, by scheduling with your child's therapist/Social Worker. For residents unable to return home, they will remain on isolation in the Health Center following Department of Health guidelines.
- All residents on campus were tested using the nasal swab.
- We are following recommended contact tracing for staff, and keeping staff out of work awaiting results.
- Pending test results, residents will remain on isolation with only those in their dorm and the staff that work with them. They may leave the dorm for programming and outdoor activity, but will not interact with other dorms.
- Meals will no longer be served in the dining hall. All meals will be packaged to-go and eaten outside or in the dorm. Residential life staff will work with the dining hall to make sure that any outside dining is scheduled to insure social distancing.
- All medication will be administered from the front vestibule in the Health Center. Residents and staff should remain outside of the Health Center unless for urgent or emergent matters.
- All staff temperatures and screenings will take place either outside the Health Center or in the entry vestibule
- Recommendation was made for residents to start wearing masks. We understand that some children will not be compliant and others may have either physical or emotional issues that will prevent mask use, so they will be encouraged and not forced to wear them.
- We will not be permitting residents who are currently home to return back to campus this week while test results are pending.

We are placing a copy of our COVID-19 policies and procedure on our Agency Website. Please note that all of our procedures are subject to change as we receive updated information from the state or local health authorities.

We understand that the first positive case among our residents is alarming but we want to reinforce that we are following daily guidance from the Department of Health as well as adhering to proper infection control procedures to keep our campus safe.

For questions or concerns please reach out to either the Administrator on Duty or the Health Center during the hours of 6am-8pm.

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