

Fulfilling Our Promise



Steere House

NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

August 18, 2020

Dear Residents and Family Members,

Please accept our summer greetings and this letter is to provide a 10 day update. Visits by appointment are going well and I am happy to report since July 14:

In Person/Indoor Visits: 85

Outdoor or Drive-BY Visits: 83

The Department Of Health recommends outdoor visitation whenever possible, and Steere House will offer those opportunities whenever we can. Appointments are required for all types of visitation and please do EMAIL only to Gina Williamson, Activity Director for appointments: GWilliamson@SteereHouse.org.

Each visit is scheduled for 30 minutes with supervision of staff per regulations. Masks must be worn and with a distance of 6 feet, the experience is different but so meaningful to the residents.

Steere House tracks a number of items or data points, and many of you also regularly check the Rhode Island Department of Health Website to view COVID-19 information and in particular the "Congregate Care" statistical updates. For you information, our employee team was last tested for COVID-19 on August 11 and August 12 with results of NO positives. We plan to run our next cycle of tests at the end of this week. Some information of interest includes:

DAYS Residents/NO NEW positives: 69

DAYS Employees/NO NEW positives: 22

Our PPE supply is sufficient and recently it has been possible to build an inventory.

At Steere House, we participate in education to learn the latest best practices and theories about this virus which has had such a significant impact on all of us. However, the communication about certain "must do" habits such as wearing masks, contact tracing and hand washing remain consistent. I know you all are attentive to these and other healthy habits, please be safe and enjoy some of the August sunshine!

Best regards,

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Administrator