**POLICY:**

It is the policy of this facility to follow all updated regulatory guidance from CDC, CMS, and Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding resident care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The facility will discourage home visits for their residents at this time due to the following:

* Increase in the community spread of COVID-19
* Guidance from the CDC regarding the risk to older adults of severe illness who should avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in their household.

The following guidance will be followed if a resident is out of the facility for a holiday gathering:

* Education will be provided to the resident and family members on the risks involved, this will be documented in the medical record.
* Upon return to the facility the resident will be placed on quarantine for 14 days. The resident and family will be advised that this will most likely result in a room change that may or may not become permanent.
* The resident will be tested for COVID-19. On day 14 prior to moving back to their former room (if available).
* Quarantine beds may be limited in some circumstances and the facility will make every effort to accommodate the resident upon return.

The resident and family member will be informed of this policy by the staff when they call to plan the LOA.

Please feel free to direct families to the CDC website at CDC.gov for additional information and guidance for holiday gatherings.