


To: Residents, Family Members, and Responsible Parties

From: Michael Monahan, Administrator 

Date: March 13th, 2020

Re: Protecting Our Loved Ones- Safety Measures

Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's directives announced at his news conference yesterday, no non-employed medical staff are permitted to enter Nursing Homes.

Therefore, **effective 7:00 am, Saturday, March 14, 2020**, no person or healthcare worker not employed or contracted by Archcare at Mary Manning Walsh Home or one of the agencies with which we currently have a contract will be permitted to enter the facility. For information on the contracted agencies to obtain an HHA, contact Daisy Lope, Director of Social Work, or Susan Luft, Administration.

The Governor's mandate referenced visitor restrictions with limited and specific exceptions, per the Governor, that would permit a family member, for instance, to join a gravely ill loved one under very carefully managed circumstances.

We understand the difficulty that this situation poses and are available to review and amend care plans, discuss and address concerns or assist in other areas as needed. The interdisciplinary care team (IDT) is here to address the needs of our residents and patients. We are, also, working on obtaining devices to allow Skype visits to your loved one during this time.

In addition, we are taking the precaution of laundering all clothing in the facility. This will reduce the risk of cross contamination.

Once again, we understand the hardship that this creates, but the protection of our residents is our main and only goal. The situation is constantly being assessed and we will keep you posted on any changes.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you and God bless you and your families

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