



February 19, 2021

Timber Ridge Residents, Families, and Staff,

We are thankful that we have not had a new facility onset case of COVID-19 since the first week of February. **Because of this, on Tuesday 2/23/21 we plan to move into what CMS calls “Phase Two” in their reopening guidance for long term care facilities like ACTR.** In phase two we will be able to accommodate indoor visits. These will be conducted much like the outdoor courtyard visits were, but will be held in a room off of our main lobby instead of using the courtyards or garage. Families should please continue to call ahead to arrange any visits, and see the attached document for further guidelines. As always, please hold these plans loosely as any new facility onset cases of COVID-19 will most likely move us back into tighter restrictions. Hopefully this is not the case, but the pandemic does continue.

As you are aware, our first vaccination clinic was held at Timber Ridge on Tuesday, February 9th. CVS came to our facility to administer the vaccine. It went well and they plan to return on March 2nd and March 23rd for additional clinics. We are strongly encouraging participation in this program and would like to have as many residents and staff as possible vaccinated as it is our best and quickest way to return to a more normal routine. At the same time, we do not have new guidance yet from CMS or IDPH on protocol changes for after vaccination. We expect that while some things like visitation and community access will change sooner, other things like face coverings and social distancing will remain in place for quite some time yet. As we learn more and are able to change our protocols we will keep you informed. In the meantime, we can all be part of the solution by getting the vaccine.

Our Timber Ridge Renovation project is in the first of three phases and will continue throughout the remainder of this year. Right now the multipurpose room is being renovated to add natural light with some new large windows on the east end as well as a new kitchenette area and updated furnishings throughout. We are also constructing a new main entrance, updating some offices, and starting initial work on the dining room in this phase. Later phases include the **addition of space and “quiet dining” areas to the dining room**, as well as new family rooms, a doctor exam room, updated living rooms, and a new large carport for loading buses in front of the building. There are many other smaller updates happening throughout the building as well, and soon we hope to post some architect renderings on our website to help you visualize what is coming.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers,

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