



Sunday, March 15, 2020

Evergreen Woods Community – Locally and Otherwise,

We have seen the cases of diagnosed Covid19 nationwide continue to compound over the weekend – especially locally in Connecticut (which has doubled each of the past two days) and in New York (presently the greatest amount of cases in the Country).

There has been an emphasis on the strategy of social distancing. We are making a decision to endorse this in our Community as it relates to what functions of the operation we control.

Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 – we will cease all internal communal programs (bingo, shuffleboard, puzzle room, cards, all exercise, Committee/Group Meetings, etc) and dining functions throughout the Community – Independent Living, Assisted Living and Health Center. We will also cease all visitation not critical to the continuance of our operation and safety to our Community. Essentially, this means no recreational visits - no visits from outside persons to any resident unless it is a critical/end of life situation. Vendors and those providing critical services will continue. We will also continue with transportation to critical doctor appointments and taking orders for grocery store items. You are still able to come and go from the Community as you wish in your own vehicle – I cannot mandate limitations there. **Again, this starts Monday, March 16.**

I cannot mandate that residents do not see other residents, but I would ask we be selective in the number of people you interact with throughout the day and maintain proper distance when doing so. Again, as programs and the dining room are functions we (management) control, I am taking action there but I cannot control your independent living decisions.

All experts are calling this the most critical time to combat the spread of the virus and we are taking critical and extreme action to do our part.

With regards to meals:

- Breakfast – you can call the hostess desk and request a CONTINENTAL breakfast item during normal breakfast hours (7:30a-10:45a) – we will deliver to your door as our availability allows, have patience.
- Lunch & Dinner – this would follow normal procedure for take out orders – call the hostess desk and we will deliver these meals to your door. Again, please have patience with the delivery process.

These measures are on an “until further notice” basis, all taken in an effort to maintain as safe an environment as possible for our residents and team members. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated. We understand this is difficult for everyone – we are here to support you if you need to express your feelings in any way – please contact me directly, bquasnitschka@evergreen-woods.com 203.483.3200 (O), 860.614.7011 (C).

Respectfully Submitted,

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