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## **COVID-19 and Our Community: Visitor Restriction**

The current COVID-19 pandemic means that it is critical that we take every precaution possible. We must prevent this virus from entering our center and protecting our residents' health and safety is our top priority.

The CDC has done a careful review of the mortality rate in the elderly, especially those with dementia or chronic diseases. Experts are recommending we suspend individuals that are non-essential to patient care from entering our building and to ensure sick employees stay home.

Early data shows that

- The mortality rate for people over 80 in the general population is 15% in China.
- The World Health Organization report estimates the mortality rate at 21.9% for those over 80.

There is a risk that people who appear healthy will enter nursing homes and infect residents. Studies of past viral epidemics where recommending prevention was delayed were not effective. These studies show that the sooner we limit interactions with each other and wash your hands frequently virus spreads more slowly.

These facts have led us to suspend ALL visitation at this time for the health and safety of our residents and patients. We are committed to doing everything we can to protect them.

We understand this may prevent you from physically seeing your family member or friend, but encourage you to use other forms of communication via phone, text, FaceTime, etc.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Please make sure we have your latest contact information. Thank you for supporting these efforts.

