



November 13, 2021

To all Seneca View Residents and Families:

Please be advised that we have had a direct care staff member test positive for COVID-19. The staff person has been placed on quarantine and the facility remains under full precautions. No additional cases have been identified among the resident population. At this time we have a total of three staff off for quarantine and one resident on isolation for having tested positive.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released new nursing home visitation guidance which removes nearly all restrictions on resident visitation. We are evaluating these changes as we wait for updated regulations from the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH). We will be complying with all new requirements as set forth by NYSDOH and we will keep you informed of the changes once we learn of them.

We are required to continue under the existing restricted visitation guidelines at this time although end-of-life visitation will not be interrupted. For residents experiencing difficulty with reduced visitation, accommodations can be made under the compassionate care visitation program. Please contact your respective nursing units to discuss this option and for the scheduling of any visits. Additional infection prevention measures may be required for your visit. Social distancing and infection prevention practices must still be maintained for all visitors to the nursing home. If you have concerns regarding visitation please contact the Nursing Units, Nursing Administration, or my office.

Please continue to monitor our **SCHUYLERHOSPITAL.ORG** website, and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. You can also reach our State Ombudsman, Trish Chevallard, at (607) 274-5492, if you need.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Ryan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick J. Ryan
Executive Director LTC Services