

MEMORANDUM

TO: Residents, Families and Friends
FROM: Mark L. Koblenz, CEO
DATE: June 10, 2022
RE: Daughters of Sarah Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Update

I trust that this note finds you well, having enjoyed the start of summer over the Memorial Day holiday. There are a few items occurring at the Nursing & Rehabilitation Center that I wish to share with you.

- (1) Given the stubborn persistence of COVID-19, the CDC and the NYS Department of Health have recently revised portions of their guidance for nursing home residents, with particular reference to the booster shots. In the event that a nursing facility has a “COVID Outbreak”, any resident who is not “up to date” with their vaccinations must quarantine in their rooms for at least 10 days. A “COVID Outbreak” occurs whenever a single resident or staff member tests positive for the COVID virus. (As you know, we are currently in “outbreak” mode.) “Up to date” with vaccinations means that a resident has received all vaccine and booster shots that they are eligible to receive, including, for anyone over 50 years old, the 2nd booster shot.

We will continue to personally call the designated responsible parties if your loved one will become subject to a quarantine.

- (2) Soon we are going to shift to sending out notices for Care Conference Meetings primarily by email. As we are aware that not all of you utilize email correspondence, letter notification through the Post Office will continue to be provided only to families who have not given us an email address. If you wish to update or change your email address or your street address, please let your loved one’s social worker know.
- (3) Each year we give monetary awards under the Tien-Lun Li Caregiver Award program to recognize outstanding services provided by our staff. As you are frequently the closest to our staff, we ask families to nominate worthy staff members for the award. Nomination forms will be available at the Front Reception Desk, or you can submit a nomination by responding to this email address. Our staff truly appreciate the recognition they receive from our families and friends.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your loved one’s social worker. Also, please remember that daily information as to COVID cases at Daughters is posted on our website under the Coronavirus link at the top of each web page.

Thank you again for your ongoing confidence, support, and trust in Daughters of Sarah.