



# Health Care Center

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To all our dear residents and families of the Sauk County Health Care Center,

Wanted to take a moment to write and give an update on the situation at the Sauk County Health Care Center (SCHCC). To date the Sauk County Health Care Center has not had a single case of COVID-19. We have conducted facility wide testing of all staff and residents and those results came back without any positive results. We appreciate everyone's participation and cooperation with that testing. We continue to provide all the necessary screening and safety measures needed to keep our residents and staff safe. We continue to provide activities of choice in every resident room and continue with all our virtual communication/visits. We continue to work with local health partners to ensure that we are securing enough PPE and necessary equipment to keep our residents and staff safe. We continue to experience no staffing shortages.

I am happy to announce that beginning the first full week of July we are ready to move forward with an opportunity for a new type of visit with family. While our grounds and building structure have made window visits not possible, staff at the SCHCC have been brainstorming on ways to have a more face to face in person visit that will be safe for everyone involved. We have purchased a garden dome that will provide the necessary safety measures to keep both our residents and their families' safe during this visit. These visits will be required to be scheduled through our activity department and will require approval from Administration. Visitors will be screened for illness and will be required to provide their own cloth mask that must be worn at all times during the visit. Visits will be limited to 30 minutes to limit exposure and allow for opportunity for all residents to visit with their loved ones. For the health and safety of our residents no children under the age of 16 will be allowed onto our campus for a visit. At this time children can continue to visit via our virtual methods.

We are also happy to announce that we are accepting drop off items from families. Families and friends can now bring items to the facility for drop off and then delivery by a staff member to our residents. We are asking that people be mindful and limit these deliveries to no more than once per week to allow for all residents to receive deliveries. With this new option our social worker will no longer be shopping for individuals that have families that are able to drop requested items off to the facility. Residents that do

not have family or friends that can assist with shopping will still continue to receive the service through our social worker.

Our activity and dietary department are now offering the option of ordering a cake and balloons for a special occasion such as a birthday. If interested please call the main number and our receptionist will be happy to tell you all about and assist you with your order.

We continue to await guidance from our stakeholders at the local, state and federal level regarding a “reopening” plan for visitation, communal dining, and group activities. We cannot wait to share those plans with you once they are received.

Again we cannot thank you enough for your support during this most difficult and interesting of times. WE are committed to providing the best care to our residents and keeping everyone healthy and safe. If anyone continues to struggle with our current situation I cannot stress enough the importance of contacting us and chatting about your questions and/or concerns.

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Stay healthy and safe,

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