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While we continue to adhere to all of the safety measures we have put in place, we are pleased to report that all of our hard work is making a difference!

We are continuing weekly surveillance testing of nursing home staff and residents, as well as Assisted Living, Home Care and Hospice staff, and have seen negative results from all resident and staff testing for the past several weeks.

This testing is a vital part of our recovery phase and we are thankful to be able to have this information as we gradually open to new admissions on campus. Our Outpatient Physical Therapy clinic and Post-Acute neighborhood are both open and operating under careful precautions, and we have begun to welcome new independent living residents to our Village neighborhoods.

All staff continues to remain vigilant in appropriate screening, PPE usage and hand hygiene. Our mitigating strategies remain in effect. You will find these listed by department on our [COVID-19 safety pages](#).

As social distancing measures continue to be in place and visitors are still restricted in our building except during end of life care, we are dedicated to finding ways to ease the feeling of isolation among our cherished residents. Small group dining, outdoor visits, and special snacks and treats, all with appropriate safety measures, are helping our residents feel cared for and connected.

As we comply with the State's travel advisories, our outdoor family/friend visits are now being impacted by these protocols. We know how vitally important visits are to our residents, and we are carefully following the state guidelines for the safety of all.

- If you are traveling from a state that is on the identified “Hot Spot” list, you will NOT be able to visit unless you do one of two things. You must either
  - Have a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of entering the State, OR
  - Quarantine upon arrival in CT for 14 days
- For your reference, the following web site explains this process: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>

All visits must be scheduled through [Kathy Cookson](#).

Thank you for your continued support.