

# FRIENDS HOME IN KENNETT COVID UPDATE

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**WE ARE NOW GREEN!!**

I am very happy to report that the Friends Home in Kennett was able to return to GREEN STATUS as of lunchtime today. All residents are allowed out of their rooms but **must** wear a mask at all times. Dining has resumed in the dining room with 6 feet distancing still in place. Community Life activities have resumed but will continue to be held in small groups to allow 6 feet distancing. Only outside visitation is allowed at this time, following all guidelines put in place prior to our recent change in COVID status. We are in the process of finalizing the policy and procedures for inside visitation. This plan should be available within the next few days.

I have been in constant communication with the Department of Health concerning our COVID outbreak and no one can determine how our residents were exposed to the virus. All staff continue to be negative and the last round of resident testing came back all negative. We have been following the state guidelines for regular testing and the staff has been diligent with mask wearing here at the Friends Home. The states theory is that a resident had exposure from an outside source.

All staff and residents agree that we do not want to see that RED phase again. Going forward we will strongly encourage and remind residents to wear a mask at all times when out of their rooms. Any resident with allergy or cold symptoms will be quarantined and must have a negative COVID test before returning to prior status.

The whole staff is also aware of ensuring all visits are following the specified guidelines. We are asking all family and visitors to please be as diligent as our staff is with following all safety guidelines when on the premises. This means everyone must stay 6 feet away and wear a mask (both parties) at all times.

We are all in this together and we all must do our part to keep the residents and staff safe here at the Friends Home.

As always please call if you have any questions or concerns.

And Welcome back!

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