

September 3, 2020

To Our Residents and Family Members:

On Tuesday, September 1, 2020 Governor Roy Cooper announced that North Carolina would move to Safer at Home Phase 2.5 starting Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. In addition, NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen issued a Secretarial Order allowing for outdoor visitation at skilled nursing facilities. To participate the nursing home must meet several requirements, including, but not limited to, not having an outbreak, having a testing plan and updated written Infection Control or Preparedness plan for COVID-19, and having adequate personal protective equipment. The Secretarial Order is effective September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. until September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The safety and well- being of our residents continue to be our top priority and we understand the importance of our residents connecting with their family members.

To ensure we are safely complying with both federal and state regulations we have scheduled testing for all residents and staff on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. While we are awaiting results from Covid testing we will be developing a plan for scheduled outside visitation which cannot occur until all resident and staff results are received. If all Covid tests are negative, then staff of Warsaw Nursing Rehabilitation will increase twice of month testing to weekly testing until the Covid positivity rate of transmission is less than 5% for Duplin County.

We understand that this continues to be a difficult time for everyone. Until test results have been received and plans developed for scheduled, supervised, outside visits we encourage families to continue the use video chats, calling, and window visits.

Please know that we strive to adhere to guidelines from local, state, and federal agencies which change frequently as more information is revealed about the spread of this virus.

We know that you may have questions and we encourage you to contact our center. Please call us at 910-293-3144, email us at [Cheryl.Smith@kissito.org](mailto:Cheryl.Smith@kissito.org), or visit our website [www.kissito.org](http://www.kissito.org).

Sincerely,

Cheryl Smith, Chief Administrative Officer