Dear Residents and Families,

Happy New Year! The entire Grand Oaks team is excited to welcome 2023 and put 2022 behind us. As previously communicated, we ended the year with several cases of COVID-19 in the community. DC Health recommended mass testing of the Assisted Living residents and staff at the end of last week. We tested over 200 individuals and had 17 positive results, 2 were residents and 15 were staff or Private Duty Aide (PDA) cases. The staff (PDA) cases, mainly asymptomatic, appeared in a variety of departments. There are still no positive cases connected to the Oasis Memory Care neighborhood.

At this time, the Assisted Living dining room, activities and salon all remain closed. We are awaiting further direction from DC Health as it relates to any additional testing and reopening of the community. I anticipate that the current closures will remain in effect until sometime next week.

As a reminder, visitation continues to be permitted by families and guests. It is imperative that all visitors wear a mask the entire time they visit their loved ones. In addition, all residents are required to wear masks when they are out in the common areas of the community. If you have any questions about the current masking policy or the ability to abide by this policy, please contact me directly at lhenley3@jhmi.edu or 202-349-3402.

As always, thank you for your patience as we enter the third year of navigating the current healthcare crisis. Our entire team at Grand Oaks is working diligently to maintain the safest environment for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

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