



**BERGEN COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER**  
*A distinguished reputation for quality care.*

October 30, 2020

Dear BCHCC family,

**Family Circle** Every Monday evening at 7PM we gather virtually for a family circle event, via the magic of a conference line. Families join Carol-Anne and me for a chat about the current news about BCHCC. Carol Anne and I bring you up to date about important information that we want you to know. Your comments and questions are welcome as we engage in a dialogue. If you have not participated, we urge you to do so. E-mail invitations go out each Friday with the time and the conference call number, collaboration code and password.

**Testing** of staff for the COVID-19 virus continues weekly. As of today, one staff person tested positive. Residents were tested and are all negative. Any positive test results will be shared with you by 5PM of the next business day.

**Infection Precautions** are ongoing. These include wearing of appropriate PPE equipment, social distancing, hand hygiene, and continuous cleaning by our housekeeping staff. Staff have their temperature taken as they enter our building and are questioned about any symptoms they may have that may preclude them from working. Residents also have their temperature taken daily.

**COVID-19 Vaccine** The government has set up a distribution program for nursing homes to reserve an approved COVID-19 vaccine for resident and staff. As a first step, we have enrolled the BCHCC in this program. As more details become available, we will let you know. The prompt distribution of an approved COVID-19 vaccine is a challenging task that is being set up now in preparation for national distribution to Nursing Homes.

**Social Services** Brenda Armpriester has increased her hours to cover more of the social service needs. She will be here on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8 pm and on Saturdays from 9-4pm. You will be able to reach her extension 8318. Please leave her a message and she will get back to you. Please call me if you have any questions.

Please remember that issues specific to a resident should be directed to the cottage staff or Harvey and Diane. They can be reached at 201-750-8310 or email us at [hsilberstein@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:hsilberstein@co.bergen.nj.us) or Diane (acting DON) at [dholtzberg@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:dholtzberg@co.bergen.nj.us). Please visit our website at <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/health-care-center> and view our food menus, activity calendar and outbreak plan.

Sincerely,

Harvey Silberstein, Administrator    Diane Holzberg, Acting DON

*MISSION: Bergen County Health Care Center is committed to providing individualized, exceptional and compassionate services to our residents, nurturing mind, body and spirit to support optimum quality of life and independence.*

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