PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 & POLICY TO RESTRICT VISITATION

Family members, friends and loved ones of our patients and residents:

The primary responsibility of any healthcare organization is to provide for a safe environment for our patients/residents, staff and physicians. You have entrusted us with the care of your loved one and we take this responsibility seriously.

The COVID-19 virus has found its way to Washington D.C. with Mayor Muriel Bowser declaring a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency.

We have seen unprecedented steps taken by our government and public officials to ban travel from Europe, cancellation of schools, cancellation of major sporting events and many other restrictions we have never seen in our lifetimes.

According to The World Health Organization, The Journal of the American Medical Association and other experts, the COVID-19 virus has a very high mortality rate in the elderly population with rates as high as 49% in the elderly with complicated medical issues. As a comparison the influenza virus has less than a 1% mortality rate across all populations.

BridgePoint provides care for some of the region’s sickest patients. These patient have multiple, severe medical conditions putting them at extreme risk of mortality should they contract this virus.

We have made the difficult decision to restrict visitation from any outside visitors or vendors with the goal of preventing this virus from entering our facility. We have also placed screening policies in place to check those who have to enter the facility. We are quickly putting together alternate means to communicate with your loved one.

This policy will be reviewed on a daily basis with the goal of being able to allow face to face visitation as soon as possible. Again, please understand that we are imposing this temporary restriction to prevent this terrible virus from reaching your loved one.

Sincerely,

Marc C. Ferrell
President and Chief Executive Officer
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