



DIVINE PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY HOME  
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To Residents and Family Members:

We know that you may be concerned about the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and how it may impact us here at Divine. **Ensuring residents are cared for in a safe and healthy environment is our greatest concern.**

At this time, we don't have any cases in our home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recommended a variety of steps that we are implementing to help reduce the potential for the virus to enter our building. **Last evening, the federal government strongly advised nursing homes for the elderly to suspend all medically unnecessary visits.** Therefore, we are restricting all visitors at this time in an attempt to keep our residents safe. This means:

- Only visitors who are medically necessary will be permitted in the home.
- Lake Villa Maria tenants are considered outside visitors and therefore will not be permitted to visit.
- Catholic Mass and other church services will not be open to the public.
- Care Conferences will be held via telephone.
- Lake Villa Cafeteria will be closed to the public.

We understand that connecting with loved ones is incredibly important, and there are a variety of other ways you might consider connecting with them. These may include telephone, email, text, or through Skype or Facebook. Let us know how we can help facilitate communication. Emails for residents can be sent to our activity department at [divineact@sleepyeyetel.net](mailto:divineact@sleepyeyetel.net).

Divine is following the recommendations of the CDC on prevention steps. We also are following CDC recommendations as they are updated. In addition, our home is in close contact with the local and state health department and is following their guidance. We will revise our visiting policy as new guidelines are released from these agencies.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Augustin, Shirley Hornick, or Jayna Groebner at 507-794-3011

For additional information, please visit the CDC's coronavirus disease information page at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

Thank you for your continued support and for being a valuable member of our community.

With gratitude,

Jayna Groebner  
Administrator