

Elder Care WSLETTER ADDRESSING ELDERS' REHAB LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS AND QUESTIONS

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At Little Brook Nursing and Convalescent Home, we learned much from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Now that the COVID-19 Pandemic is over, and as horrific as it was in nursing homes in particular, there was MUCH learned to continue protecting our Residents and staff.

While NO Little Brook Nursing Home Residents or staff members have passed because of COVID-19 since this dreaded disease was introduced into the U.S. four years ago, we learned that the Infectious Disease Prevention practices we put in place to shield us from COVID-19 actually also shielded our Residents and staff members from other communicable diseases including, but not limited to, RSV, pneumonia, general colds, influenza and human metapneumovirus, for example.

OUR PRACTICES AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES

The Infectious Disease Prevention practices that kept Little Brook safe from COVID-19 and other diseases will continue. Staff members will continue to wear N95 masks in the facility while caring for our Residents, for example.

Skilled nursing homes should be safe havens for our elders. For example, to date, NO Little Brook Residents have passed from COVID-19 since this dreaded disease was introduced into the U.S. four years ago. SOURCE: https://www.state.nj.us /health/healthfacilities/ documents LTC Facilities Outbreaks List.pdf

This Clinical Outcome can not be claimed by any other skilled nursing home facility within a 25 mile radius of Little Brook.

Little Brook has been COVID-19 death-free, is grateful that it was one of the first nursing homes to have all eligible Residents and many of its employees vaccinated in December, 2020 (also, Little Brook was one of the first skilled nursing homes to have our Residents receive their booster shots), and that many family members have cooperated alongside Little Brook's staff in adhering to government mandates and Little Brook's COVID-19 Infectious Disease Prevention practices.

Little Brook's staff takes seriously the practice of Infectious Disease Prevention to help ensure that Little Brook remains free of COVID-19 death. And, by extension, the same comprehensive care is practiced, for example, in personal hygiene, dietary requirements, social activities, and other aspects of daily living. Our staff delivers exceptional care to our Residents so that they live their lives in safety, peace, happiness, good health, dignity, and comfort. However, to keep Little Brook safe from the continued COVID-19 threat, our staff and visitors are periodically rapid tested upon entry and wear N95 masks, for example.

Little Brook's COVID-19 Infectious Disease Prevention practices, its Clinical Outcomes and comprehensive care are what make Little Brook more different and special than other skilled nursing home facilities.

A nursing home is home to the elderly and very ill, one where they hope to live out their remaining days in peace, comfort and safety. "If you want your loved one to be happy and treated with the respect and dignity they deserve during their golden years, it is best to move them to another skilled nursing home when you know they are NOT receiving the comprehensive care they need," says Dr. JP Hampilos, Owner of Little Brook.

WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC

- 1. N95 masks, in part, kept Residents and other staff members safe from disease spread
- 2. Installing UV-C lights in air handlers destroyed most pathogens circulating in the air including viruses, bacteria and fungi
- 3. Applying Infectious Disease Prevention practices like hand hygiene, doffing and donning, building disinfection, etc. limited disease spread
- 4. High filtration air filters with MERV13 ratings improved air quality
- 5. Vaccinations lessened disease risk and acuity
- 6. Installing air fans in bedrooms and attic vents to exhaust infected air and bring into the facility fresh air lowered circulating airborne viruses, bacteria and fungi
- 7. Frequent testing at the door kept the COVID-19 disease from entering the facility and infecting our Residents and staff

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Catching COVID-19 disease outbreaks early and treating immediately limited disease spread throughout the facility.

9. Involving, early-on, family members/POAs about the dangers of COVID-19 limited disease spread and kept them and our Residents safe 10. Keeping employed only staff fully committed to working only for Little Brook (i.e., not additionally working in other facilities) limited disease introduction and spread 11. Enlisting essential or critical staff members committed to live-in/shelter-in-place, if needed, at Little Brook, would keep us all safe and helped reduce anxieties amongus all

Purchasing one year supply of essential food in the event of supply chain stoppage 7

helped reduce anxieties among Residents, their families/POAs and staff members

13. Having plenty of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) controlled spread of disease, and

COVID-19 Infectious Disease Prevention practices and watched-out for our Residents Most importantly, having an attentive, committed, and diligent staff who observed our and their colleagues saved us all!

Clinical Outcomes that help our Residents live out the remainder of their lives in peace, safety Our focus at Little Brook for over 67 years is on our Residents' safety, health and survivaland comfort. We are very blessed that all of staff and Residents have survived COVID-19 and are grateful to the Federal, State and Local governments for supplies, funding and guidance.

Our Infectious Disease Prevention practices and Clinical Outcomes are what make Little Brook more different and special than other skilled nursing home facilities "Come in and visit us," says Dr. Hampilos, "and talk to the Residents and their families and POAs and our staff and their families who DID SURVIVE this Pandemic along with us."

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