

# **Nathaniel Witherell Update Week of September 7, 2020**

Dear Friends and Families,

Greetings from Nathaniel Witherell. Please read on for the latest news about our TNW family.

## **COVID-19 Update**

There are no cases of COVID-19 in the facility. Forty-six residents have recovered from COVID-19; and 11 residents have died as a result of COVID-19 related illness. Witherell's census is 158 out of 202.

## **Therapeutic Recreation**

Residents in small groups continue to have access to the Auditorium for morning and afternoon activities including live music performances, current events (read aloud), movie screenings or watching a Major League Baseball game on the big screen smart TV. The Rosary and Protestant worship services continue on a weekly basis in the Friendship Garden and starting on the week of Sept. 14, a weekly Catholic Mass service (without communion) will be held in the Friendship Garden.

Beginning Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> all visitors for outdoor visitors will receive temperature checks and be asked to complete a health form.

**\*\*Please designate one family member per resident to use SignUpGenius. We have a limited number of slots and ask that you be mindful of other families' desire to visit with their loved ones.**

## **Outdoor Visits Update**

Outdoor 30-minute family visits are continuing in the Rose Garden Tuesday through Saturday (up to 10 family visits per day). All staff are assisting with resident transportation. Residents are also accompanied outdoors on a rotating basis to the Friendship Garden and Rose Garden on a daily basis, weather permitting.

Starting Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, TNW will begin our new outdoor visit schedule. Visits will take place Tuesday through Saturday. We'd also like to remind everyone that we have a new way for families to schedule their visits. TNW is using **Sign Up Genius**. Once you click on the link that TNW has provided (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa9ae23a1f8c16-outdoor>), you will be able

to view and book available visit dates and times. Family members may also schedule outdoor visits through the ***SignUpGenius*** link posted on the TNW homepage.

***In Other News:***

**Resident Haircut Update**

Starting on Tuesday of this week, an outdoor hair salon was set up in the Friendship Garden courtyard entrance enabling long-term residents the opportunity to get haircuts. Haircut appointments will continue for the coming weeks with a goal of providing a haircut for every long-term resident who would like one.

**Wi-Fi Upgrades**

The necessary wiring to improve TNW's Wi-Fi performance was completed this week and additional wireless access points will be installed next week. So, we are on track to meet our Wi-Fi performance improvement project by our mid-September deadline.

**Family Council**

TNW has a Family Council whose mission is to support resident life at TNW and connect with other family members. To become a member of the Family Council, please email Jenny Larkin at [jennylarkin001@gmail.com](mailto:jennylarkin001@gmail.com).

That is the news from Nathaniel Witherell for this week.

Stay healthy and be well,

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