



Annandale Health & Community Services

500 Park Street East
Annandale, MN 55302

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Dear Resident, Tenant and Family Members:

We recognize the importance of social distancing and physical separation to help keep our residents, tenants and staff safe from exposure to COVID-19 and understand the unintended consequences of prolonged social distancing and isolation on the resident's and tenant's overall health and well-being.

The Minnesota Department of Health is now permitting long-term care settings to institute an Essential Caregiver program that would allow designated individuals to provide care and support to their loved one. This program is a recommendation, not a mandate or a requirement. Annandale Health & Community Services has worked diligently to keep COVID-19 out of our community and we are proud of our success in keeping this deadly virus out of our campus.

In an effort to remain COVID-19 free, Annandale Health & Community Services will not be initiating the Essential Caregiver program at this time. We will continue to actively monitor the presence of COVID-19 in our community and surrounding areas, and will assess our decision on a weekly basis to decide when we can safely implement Essential Caregivers in our setting. In the meantime, we continue to offer a variety of visitation options including outdoor visits for families and loved ones as well as safe, socially-distanced activities to keep our residents engaged and connected.

Sincerely,

Deb Reitmeier, LNHA, HSE
President/Administrator

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