



Date: May 4, 2020

To: Cedar Community Residents and Family Members

From: Lynn W. Olson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Family visits/gatherings outside of Cedar Community facilities

With spring-like weather finally making its way to Wisconsin, it is natural to want to spend time with family outdoors, especially during the COVID-19 lockdown situation. However, it is important to emphasize that face-to-face outdoor meetings violate the State of Wisconsin's "Safer at Home" orders, and endangers the health and safety of team members and residents of Cedar Community.

Cedar Community will not permit family gatherings with residents in the outdoor spaces on the private property of the Cedar Lake, Cedar Run, Cedar Ridge, or Elkhart Lake campuses. This will continue as long as Cedar Community remains under the lockdown orders of the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department, regardless of "social distancing" guidelines. Cedar Community staff will ask any families that encourage residents to visit with them outdoors to leave the campus property.

We appreciate that it is extremely difficult to be under the lockdown restrictions during this time. Please know that the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department intend to continue the lockdown orders for all long-term care facilities, even past the expiration of the general public "Safer at Home" orders. Cedar Community will continue to follow the lockdown orders of local, state, and federal health officials for as long as they remain in effect.

We are heartbroken for the weeks missed spending with your family in person. We understand the importance of your social connection with your loved ones, and we will continue to help with virtual family visits. Each of us answers a higher calling to consider the needs of those we serve and of our fellow residents and neighbors, and how our actions impact others. Please know and understand that we will diligently protect the health and safety of our residents and team members, even when the decision to do so is incredibly difficult.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience during these challenging times.