

TO: Residents and Family Members of Attleboro Healthcare
FROM: Greg Hoonjan, Administrator
DATE: March 31, 2021
RE: Admission Freeze

On Tuesday, March 30th, Attleboro Healthcare was notified by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) in accordance with an order issued by the Department of Public Health on November 5th and 13th entitled “Implementation of Order of the Commissioner of Public Health Regarding Control of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities” there will be a ban on admissions to Attleboro Healthcare. Attleboro Healthcare as well as 8 other nursing facilities throughout the Commonwealth are affected by an admissions freeze.

An onsite survey (Form CMS-2567) was completed on March 3, 2021, and the written 2567 was issued on March 29, 2021. “The Department has determined that the Facility was cited for a deficiency at a scope and severity of “F” or higher:

F868 QAA Committee CFR(s): 483.75 (g) (1) (i)-(iii) (2) (i)

F880 Infection Prevention and Control CFR(s): 483.80 (a) (1) (2) (4) (e) (f)

CMS defines the scope and severity of an “F” level tag as **“No actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy.”** In addition, defined as “widespread”.

Since **June 1, 2020**, the facility has had less than 6 confirmed employee and resident COVID19 cases combined with no positive resident cases in the past 5 months.

We are committed and will continue our diligence with infection control protocols including but not limited to use of PPE in accordance with CDC and DPH guidelines; on site infection control inspections through a 3rd party independent vendor, staff training and education, surveillance testing and the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. We will continue working with EOHHS and DPH to submit a plan of correction (POC) and work collaboratively.

I have also attached the most up to date Methods of Communication that outline the variety of ways you can stay informed and receive updated information relative to COVID19. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

