

5/21/2020

*Dear Families and Friends of Orange Health Care,*

*We all hope this finds you well and safe and able to enjoy this wonderful weather!*

*Slowly but surely our residents have been able to get outside and experience the warmer weather, some sunshine and the garden. We have planted some of the vegetables donated by the Peterson Family in our new Peterson Vegetable Garden and hope to be enjoying fresh produce all summer long. THANK YOU!!*

*We are happy to report that as of today all but 3 of our in-house residents have reached the Recovery Stage. Fingers crossed, by 5/28/2020, we expect to be able to report that all of our in-house residents have reached that Recovery Stage ([please click here for Recovery Stage Info.](#)) That's 39 residents!! Some of our residents have been receiving physical and occupational therapy during recovery while others, who were completely asymptomatic and only tested positive due to our Full House Testing Process, really only needed a "tune up" to return to baseline.*

*This could not have been possible without the leadership of our Medical Staff; Dr. Nawaz, Dr. Mujtaba, APRN Katy Walker, DNS Denise Mancuso and of course all of the care and specialized attention provided by the nurses and CNAs around the clock in our facility. I would be remiss, however, if I did not point out that there are many other frontline workers in our building that contribute to this success. Housekeeping and laundry staff that work diligently to contain and disinfect every single piece of a residents' room and clothing daily. Dietary workers that manage the special diets for each resident as they navigate through all the appetite changes this virus has brought. Our Therapy Department that not only has helped during this Recovery Phase but jumped in to work side by side with housekeeping to help disinfect and with CNAs to assist with patient care. Melissa in Recreation who has tried to keep all of our spirits up with little puzzles and games throughout these many long and sometimes painful weeks. And of course all of my management team that spent many long hours helping me and all*

*of our residents through what can only be called one of the worst times in our 73 year history. This could not have been accomplished without ALL OF THEM working together, caring about our residents and each other and believing that we are truly **ORANGE STRONG!***

*The Coronavirus has certainly changed all of us forever. None of our lives will be the same. We have yet to be told what the “New Normal” in nursing facilities will be. For now we rejoice in the small things; residents door wide open, less PPE, residents sitting outside a few at a time, an open window visit. We are still in our masks and now so are our residents outside their rooms. I guess you will just recognize us and our residents by the MASK tan lines and know that we are smiling back at you and thanking you, from the bottom of our hearts!*

*We remain grateful and **ORANGE STRONG!**  
Andree and ALL the Staff of Orange Health Care.*

