

MORNINGSIDE CENTER

Newsletter



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Residents, Family Members, Responsible Parties & Staff,

Welcome to a new year! I'm Harri Ann Melte, the new administrator of Morningside Center. I have been a part of Morningside for 39 years and served as assistant to Joan Sweets since 1988. Joan retired on Dec. 31, 2021. I am grateful to have worked side-by-side with Joan for so long. Her leadership and care for the residents of Morningside have been a blessing to residents, staff and myself.

I am pleased to announce that Jodina Lewis, who has been part of Morningside Center for 20 years, has been named assistant administrator. Jodina has worked in many departments throughout the facility and has served as compliance coordinator for the last several years. Her depth of knowledge relating to long-term care is one of Morningside Center's strengths in caring for our residents and assisting their families.

Morningside is governed by the Livingston County Nursing Home District Board of Directors. We would not be in such a wonderful facility without a progressive board of directors. They provide us with the ability to manage the facility, give us guidance to give back to the residents and staff, and equip us with the supplies we need to get the job done.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 660-646-0170 or email hmelte@morningsidecenter.com.

Sincerely,

Harri Ann Melte

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Administrator

Covid Testing

Due to a high number of Covid cases in the Livingston County area, Morningside Center is conducting outbreak testing which means that all residents and staff are tested for Covid twice a week.

We are happy to report that as of the end of the testing period today (Monday, Jan. 24), ALL residents in the nursing home and assisted living facility tested NEGATIVE for Covid.

Some staff members have tested positive and those employees are under quarantine. Fortunately, Morningside is blessed with excellent employees who fill in and work for those unable to work.



Thank you!

Sharon Albertson shared her time and talents by sewing bags that easily can be attached to the crossbar of walkers for residents of Morningside Center. The bags are useful for residents wanting to carry personal items with them. We appreciate her thoughtfulness!

Visiting

The nursing home and assisted living facility remain open for visiting. Visitors must follow all core infection principles regardless of one's vaccination status while visiting in the facility:

- All visitors MUST screen in for symptoms, temperature and wear a face covering. Please stop at the table in the lobby to complete the screening process.
- Visitors with a temperature of 99 degrees or higher, are not feeling well or have a known exposure to COVID or any other illness are not allowed in the facility.
- Please utilize the hand sanitizer dispensers while in the facility. Hand washing is key to containing the spread of any infection.

If the nursing home door is locked when you arrive for a visit, please ring the doorbell or call this number: 660-973-3320. This number is for the front door of the nursing home only. A charge nurse will answer the phone. Please be understanding/patient because the nurse cannot always answer the phone immediately or come to the front door as quickly as visitors would like.

For the assisted living apartments, the front door is always locked, but visitors may call 660-973-8182 and a staff person will respond to the front door.

Thank you to all who have shared words of appreciation for our staff members, and to those who have given generously of your time and talents to our residents. We appreciate you!



Karder Kretz, a member of Livingston County 4-H, delivers Christmas-themed artwork to Morningside Center for display throughout the nursing home and assisted living apartments. Samantha Black, RN, is shown here with Karder. The artwork is part of the 4-H Cares community service project. Members of Springhill Go-Getters 4-H Club assembled craft bags for 4-H members throughout the county to pick up, assemble, and return to the extension office to await distribution.

