## Family Update - Friday, November 6, 2020

Dear Mary Wade Families,

It's been quite a week. Starting with a major election, coupled with a dramatic increase in COVID infections, it's not surprising that we are ending our week here at Mary Wade with another surprise inspection from our State DPH inspectors. We have faith that all will be well and we will continue to focus our energies and efforts on our residents and staff, their safety and well-being.

What is so important is that we stay vigilant in our infection control procedures, adhere to State and Federal recommendations and support each other in this effort. Connecticut's infection rates are increasing daily with new travel recommendations just issued yesterday, ie: to limit non-essential trips outside the home between 10:00pm – 5:00 a.m. For more information, you can check out <u>Connecticut COVID -19 Response</u>.

## **Testing**

Our latest testing of our staff continues to show negative results. This week, we tested all staff on Wednesday and Thursday. From here on in, we will continue with weekly testing of all staff.

## **Air Filtration System**

We just completed the installation of high powered fans on the roof of our Kimberly building. This is a multi-stage project that we initiated last June to introduce new, state of the art air filtration systems to reduce the spread of infection through the HVAC systems. **Click here** to read Mary Wade's statement for more detail on this project to improve air quality and provide a safer building for residents, families and staff.

I can't thank you, our families, enough for your support and cooperation during this very difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Contact me at <a href="mailto:dhunter@marywade.org">dhunter@marywade.org</a> or 203-672-7810.

Stay well, stay safe,

David V. Hunter President & CEO