Residents Still Having Fun during Coronavirus Precautions

The absence of visitors and the continuing need to social distance as much as possible within our [facility] [community] has temporarily changed how we socialize, engage and entertain our residents. However, rest assured our activity and other staff members have been coming up with creative ways our residents can still have fun while staying safe.

In general, all our staff members are engaging with residents at every interaction, asking questions about their day, how they are feeling, and what they have been doing. Regular attempts are being made to ensure residents are staying in touch with family and friends by helping them set up various forms of video chat, phone calls, or writing cards and letters.

Of course, residents are staying in their rooms a lot more, and those who are able have been doing individual activities like reading, word searches, coloring and making crafts. The long running Gunsmoke which originally aired in the mid-50s through the mid-70s with Matt Dillion, Ms. Kitty and Fetus have become a popular TV show again. Hallway bingo is becoming popular, in which the activity staff goes hall by hall to call out bingo while residents check their bingo cards in their doorways. Residents are being encouraged, condition permitting, to stand, stretch and move to increase circulation. Technology, computers, tablets, e-readers, etc. are being utilized to explore virtual activities such as online museums, online classes, online games, online religious events, product browsing, movies, concerts and past sports events.

Residents are continuing to be asked what Activities they would like to do. If it is something usually done in groups, inventive ways are being explored to modify the activity, so it will work within guidelines from the CDC and various other health officials.

In another attempt to help you stay in touch and engaged, we are adding to this page an Activity Calendar update. Although it is not all inclusive of all the wonderful things going on each day, it will give you some idea of what’s going on while you can’t visit. Updates will be posted weekly on Monday around 11am.

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| **Date** | **Day** | **Time(s)** | **Activity** | **Description** |
| 10/19/2020 | Monday | 08:00am  10:15am  12:00pm  02:00pm | Room Visits/One-On-One  Wood Painting (Doorways)  Sensory In Room  Happy Hour/Snacks In D/R | Helps to get residents ready for the day  Our residents love to paint  A great way to made residents laugh  Residents enjoy their snacks, juice & cocktails |
| 10/20/2020 | Tuesday | 08:00am  10:15am  12:00pm  01:00pm | Bible & Poem Reading  Color In Room Morning  Life Size Animals( Halls)  Family Visits | Great way to provide spiritual help to residents  Residents love to make coloring pictures for room  Big animals & music makes laughter  Residents love to see their family members |
| 10/21/2020 | Wednesday | 08:00am  10:15am  12:00pm  01:00pm | Room Visits/One-On-One  Word Search ( Doorways)  Discussion In Room  Door Visits | Helps to get residents ready for activities for the day  Great for memory stimulation  A great way to see how activities are going  Helps our residents to see family. |
| 10/22/2020 | Thursday | 08:00am  10:15am  12:00pm  01:00pm | Room Visits/One-On-One  Clay Molding In Room  Sensory In Room  Family Visits | Informs residents of activities for the day  Great for range of motion in hands  Good for laughter & memory stimulation  This is great for residents & families |
| 10/23/2020 | Friday | 08:00am  10:15am  12:00pm  02:15pm | Out Of Room Walks  Racing Cars  Movie Evening (Tablets)  Snacks On Halls | Good for flexibility & helps reduce falls  Residents love racing & great for range of motion  Great way to let residents watch their own movies  Residents love their snacks & great nutrition |
| 10/24/2020 | Saturday | 02:00pm  03-00pm | Radio Hour  Blissful Scenes Of Coloring | Radio playing on hall ways  Hand drawn designs residents love to color |
| 10/25/2020 | Sunday | 02:00pm  03-00pm | Hymn Sing-a-long On Halls  Write How You Feel Today. | Residents love their Gospel music  Residents write down. Shown to help elevate mood |

Several of the doorway activities include prizes.