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## **COVID 19 prevention and containment: Day 1 to day 180!**

*Safety first, safety always*

Here at Graceland Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, safety has always been our top priority. Before it was mandated we voluntarily started requiring universal masking in our facility. We formed a task force and started implementing industry best practices for prevention and containment. We designated a portion of our facility for isolation of potential or suspected cases. Upon return from hospital stays and upon new admission or whenever it deemed prudent, we isolate and monitor residents for symptoms. All employees are tested weekly. Visitation has been halted and group activities suspended.

Employees have been held to very strict guidelines requiring them to be tested weekly and report all other facilities they may be working in addition to Graceland. If they should test positive, they are prohibited from working at Graceland again until they test negative twice.

We are proud of our efforts; however, when dealing with a pandemic no plan is full proof. We have family members, friends and peers who have succumb to the highly infectious and danger virus. This illness is no respecter of person or position. Statistically, COVID-19 would inevitably arrive at our facility, so we have worked diligently for the last 6 months to be prepared.

**Our pledge:** We will continue to work tirelessly to protect those in our care but there are no guarantees. The one thing we can promise you is that we take our role as healthcare providers seriously and are doing everything within reason to insulate those in our charge.

“We have been communicating openly and often with both our resident and their loved ones, including weekly robo-calls and letters. We are transparent and make every effort to keep our Graceland family informed. This has been our motto since the earliest days of the pandemic.” said Machel Calaway, Administrator at Graceland RNC.

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