

October 1, 2021



To Our Residents and Family Members:

Today, 10/1/21, we tested unvaccinated staff at St. Francis Senior Ministries for COVID-19. We had no positive cases of COVID-19 after testing was complete.

Currently, only unvaccinated staff have to be tested for COVID-19 on a normal basis. Any vaccinated staff and any resident will only be tested if that individual shows signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or there is a positive COVID-19 test in the facility. Unvaccinated staff only will continue to be tested every Tuesday and Friday.

We are currently having inside visitations. We are following CDC and CMS guidelines for these inside visitations. We are asking that there are no more than four visitors for a resident at a time.

We are currently having activities for residents. Residents should wear a mask at the activity and proper hand hygiene is being practiced along with residents being appropriately social distanced. Dining rooms have also been opened up for use. Residents are able to come to the dining room if they wish for meals and sit one resident per table. Beautician services are also up and running.

We are also allowing residents to go out with families for outings. Residents do not have to quarantine no matter if they are vaccinated or not as long as they don't have an exposure to somebody with COVID-19 symptoms and the resident is gone less than 24 hours. We ask families to call the facility and ask for the nurse of their loved one to let them know when they will be picking them up to take them out of the facility. The family member will sign the resident out when they leave and sign them back in when they return at the reception desk. Each time a family member takes a resident out of the facility they will be asked to sign a Negotiated Risk Agreement.

Our next vaccination clinic is scheduled for 10/28/21. At this clinic we will give the second dose of the Moderna Vaccine to any resident or staff that needs it. We will also offer the first dose to any resident or staff wishing to get it. The Pfizer booster shot will also be offered at this clinic to any staff or resident that is eligible. There will be more details about this in the coming days.

We know this continues to be a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to update you as we have updates to give.

Sincerely,

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