

November 18, 2021



To Our Residents and Family Members:

Today we had a resident show signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and upon testing the resident the resident tested positive for COVID-19. The resident has been moved to a different area of the building. We tested all residents on the unit that the positive resident resides and all were negative. We are currently testing all staff that has worked that unit in the last week and so far everyone has been negative. We will test all of the residents on the unit again on Friday 11/19/21 and Monday 11/22/21. All of the staff that worked the unit will again be tested on Tuesday 11/23/21.

Currently, only unvaccinated staff are required to be tested for COVID-19 on a normal basis. Regardless of vaccination status, residents and staff will be tested if they show 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 activities for residents. Residents should wear a mask at the activity and ensure proper hand hygiene is being practiced. In addition, residents will need to be socially 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 will also still have inside visitations. We are following CDC and CMS guidelines for these inside visitations. Visitation guidance has changed effective 11/12/21. We will now be open for visitation at any time. We still are asking families to visit in the resident's room but visits will not have to be scheduled and they can take place even if there are positive cases in the facility. The facility will still give the families a surgical mask for the visit. If a resident is in quarantine, the family can still visit but will only be given a surgical mask. If the family would like additional protective equipment beyond the surgical mask it will be up to the family to bring it in on their own.

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 11/29/21. 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 wishing to get it. The Pfizer booster shot will also be offered at this clinic to any staff or resident that is eligible.

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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